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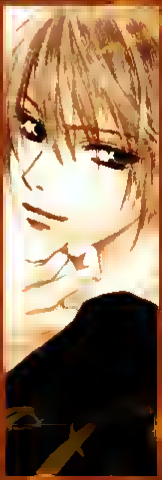

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CHARA COMICS

全国からエリートが集う、私立の名門男子校・王華学館生徒会は、個性的なメンバーが勢揃い。中でも全校生徒の憧れは、生徒会長の鷹峰侑士。クールな美貌と腹黒に、意外とアツイ行動派。そのアンバランスな魅力が、無自覚に人を惹きつけていく——。イイ男予備軍いっぱいの、百花繚乱♥学園BOYSライフ開幕!!

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Toumei Shounen

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YUU-CHAN...
DO YOU... LOVE ME?
W-WHAT DID HE JUST- !!?

ACT.1
雨が降っていた I
The Rain Fell I
透明少年
Toumei Shounen -
The Invisible Youth

生徒会構成図
Structure of the Student Council

STUDENT COUNCIL

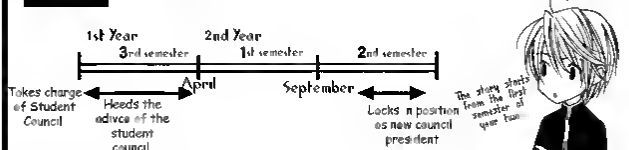
- STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT — Yunshi Kitou
  - STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT — Akira Takamura
    - CHAIRMAN — Takaya Yusa
      - VICE CHAIRMAN — Satsuki Saiga
        - COMMITTEE HEADS, CLUB PRESIDENTS, DORM PRESIDENT
    - ※ HEAD SECRETERY — Sai Kamino
      - SEC. ASST. — Kyousuke Natsume
      - SEC. ASST. — Nagi Tokaeta
      - SEC. ASST. — Tenka Ichinose
      - SEC. ASST. — Sei Rokukata

The Student Council President is appointed by the former President
The remaining officers are selected by the new president the graduating members of the former Student Council and the supervising professor
There is no election

The officers are selected from those students who demonstrate the highest academic achievements. Futhermore it seems rather common to choose from the council members committee heads and others who have served during previous semesters

※ SECRETARY ASSISTANT RESPONSIBLE NOT ONLY FOR KEEPING RECORDS, BUT, ALSO FOR DRAWING UP DOCUMENTS AND DOING THE OCCASIONAL ODD JOB

TERM OF OFFICE ＊ In Yunshi's case



I HOPE
THE COLD RAIN
NEVER FALLS ON YOU
KAZENOTACHIYORI STATION
WHAT'S WITH THIS PLACE? THERE ARE GIRLS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE!!
IS SOMETHING GOING ON?
WHY, MADAM - YOU STILL DON'T KNOW?
WE JUST PASSED THE PRESTIGIOUS ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, OUGAKKAN
Plus, they're all wearing Maizuru Girls School uniforms.

EVERYONE'S GATHERED HERE TO...
CATCH A GLIMPSE OF ITS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!
SP
GA

Ever since I got into Mokuon Girls School
IT'S SO COOL TO HAVE SUCH A CLOSE-UP VIEW OF GENERATIONS OF HOT BOYS!
I'm so glad I decided to join the work!
UWA
HE'S ABSOLUTELY DREAMMMY! JUST LIKE THE RUMORS SAID!!
I KNOW!
Hots on skateboard! Just like a fantasy!
GASP
ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT A 2ND YEAR HAS EVER BEEN NOMINATED AS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
I heard he's been the head since the second semester of his first year!
HIS NAME IS YUUSHI KITOU-KUN. THE LINE OF OUGAKU STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR THEIR BEAUTY.
BUT KITOU-KUN IS IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN!
UWA——
HE MUST BE BRILLIANT
——CRAP
TODAY OF ALL DAYS...
THE AUDIENCE DECIDES TO GROW IN NUMBER
WOOOOW!
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE!
THE DAY WHEN I CAME WITH NAG!——!!

ARE THEY ALL YUU-CHAN'S FANS!?
I'VE HEARD THE STORIES, BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING IT.
THEY'RE NOT SO MUCH FANS AS THEY ARE SIGHTSEERS
REMARKABLE!
THE AUDIENCE STRETCHES ALL THE WAY TO THE SCHOOL GATES DOESN'T IT?
SO CUTE...
NAGI
YOUR HAIR'S STICKING UP.
LISTEN CAREFULLY, NAGI.
WALK AS CLOSE TO ME AS POSSIBLE.
We need to hide you.
Whisper
Didn't you blow-dry your hair?
I'm hot.
Thanks
WHY?
?
UH
Um...
"WHY?" BECAUSE

I CAN'T RESIST A BODY LIKE THAT.
I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND ME IF I TAKE JUST ONE STRAND OF HAIR
HEHE
sneaker
sneaker
YOU KNOW, I BET HE'D LOOK EVEN BETTER WITH HIS CLOTHES OFF.
ONE DAY I'LL DEFINITELY WORSHIP HIS NAKED BODY!!!
Ohhhh yeah! I want that!
THEY AREN'T THE ONLY ONES HERE. THERE ARE DANGEROUS MINDS AROUND...
Yaaaaaa
THE GIRLS WHO WATCH WISTFULLY FROM A DISTANCE...
I wonder if I'll be the chat-room idol.
He's so cool.
AREN'T SO BAD...
BUT...
AH
EYE CANDY.
TO THE DEATH! I'LL DEFEND NAGI TO MY DEATH
!
ANYWAY, IT'S DANGEROUS
The girls are
HMM??
I'LL FIGHT.
GET BEHIND ME.

THANK YOU THANK YOU
HEHE
NAGI. YOUR COOKING IS DELICIOUS I WAS SURPRISED
AW, YEAH, ME TOO
I HAD A LOT OF FUN STAYING OVER AT YUU-CHAN'S PLACE YESTERDAY
What is it about this kid...
HEH
YESTERDAY
WHEN SCHOOL LET OUT...
YUU-CHAN, DO YOU LOVE ME?
DO—NG
REALLY!?
UM... THEN...
I heard that you live alone.
CAN I PLAY AT YUU-CHAN'S PLACE TODAY?
OF COURSE, I DO.
And with such an innocent expression
I LOVE YOU, BUT...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN
Wh-
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM!?
This kid...
YAT
OH, YEAH. COME ON OVER

Yeah!
Beef and Potato Stew
BLISSFUL TIMES...
Hehe... I think we've really hit it off.
RIGHT NOW...
STILL, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO FIRST TEST WHETHER IT "LOVED HIM" OR NOT
OH, IS THAT ALL HE JUST WANTED TO COME VISIT
OF COURSE THAT WAS IT...
Oh...okay.
I'm making dinner.
Borrowed clothes
Good Morning, President
Morning
BUT HE'S SHY WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING STRANGERS
NAGI ALWAYS LOOKS REALLY FRIENDLY
Ah!
BUT EVEN SO
Ah,
IT'S FINE
NO ONE WILL PICK UP, ANYWAY
SHOULD WE CALL YOUR HOUSE?
EH?

KITOU-KUN!!!
I'M JUMPING THAT A BIT
WHAT?
WAIT
?!
GLOMP
WHA-
UWA——!! I HUGGED HIM!!
KYAAA! KYAAAA!
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

OH SH
CAPTURE THEM!!!
YES SIR!!!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
FWEE!
WHAT DID SHE JUST SAY?!
RENEGADES IDENTIFIED!!
OI...
NAGI!
STOMP
Let go of him!
What do you think you're...
STOMP
WAH!
Stop that!
HUMAN TSUNAMI!
STOMP
DIZZY
Wah
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE...
WAH!
WAH!?
DIZZY
WAH WAH...

Eyaaaaaa
What the hell do you think you're doing?!
Ah,
YUU-CHAN IS TRAPPED IN THE MIDDLE!!
Save him!
YUUSHI?
What's making all the noise?
WHAT'S WITH THE FEMALE TSUNAMI?
YOU OKAY?
KYOU-CHAN...
I'm saved
SHUT UUUUUP!!
RECOIL
GOING ALL GOO-GOO GA-GA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES...
YOU'RE ALL SO DAMN ANNOYING!!

Being popular must be tough.
Well, TODAY WAS A LITTLE unpredictable.
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT WHEN I SAID IT WAS DANGEROUS
OY!
I'm alive ?
YUU-CHAN! ARE YOU OKAY?!
SCRAM!!!
Kyaaaaa!
Scary!
ENTERTAIN YOUR WOMEN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL!
HEY, MR PRESIDENT
DON'T INVOLVE OTHERS IN IT.
ALL I'M SAYING IS,
I HATE GUYS WHO HIT ON GIRLS THAT ALWAYS FLOCK AROUND THEM, FOOL.
AND I'M SAYING, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS DOING, OCTOPUS.
IT'S BLATANTLY OBVIOUS THAT I WASN'T ENTERTAINING ANY OF THEM.
DISH
ARE YOU BLIND?

OH YEAH!?
That's fine with me!
Ah all!!
FOR THAT MATTER, I COULDN'T CARE LESS IF YOU LIKED ME OR NOT!
HAVE ALL PREVIOUSLY BEEN SERENE, ELITE, AND BEYOND REPROACH, BUT...
YEAH... OUGAKKU'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS...
BUT, YOU KNOW... ISN'T IT A LITTLE...
HE SEEMS A LITTLE DIFFERENT?
Really? I THOUGHT HE'D BE MORE PRINCE-LIKE
What are you talking about? There's no better type of the future country!
THEY'RE ALL MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AREN'T THEY? THEY WEAR A VIOLET STRIPE ON THEIR UNIFORMS
This
President → Gold
Council Member → Violet
Regular Student → Blue
distinguishes the different students
THEY ARE THEY'RE SOOO HIGH LEVEL
I sc...
DID YOU SEE?
HE SEEMS KINDA SCARY, BUT HE'S PRETTY HOT, TOO!
So is the kid behind him
WHAT IS CAUSING THIS COMMOTION?
C-COULD THE TWO OF YOU PLEASE...

Whew!
I hate dealing with this guy
Eh.
Oh, it's you
TAP
KYOUSUKE NATSUME
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU BEFORE TO REVISE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PRESIDENT WHILE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL?
YOU'RE SETTING A POOR EXAMPLE FOR THE OTHER STUDENTS
VICE PRESIDENT!
PRESIDENT KITOU! THAT APPLIES TO YOU AS WELL
I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ABSTAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT DESTROY THE LONG TRADITION THAT FORMER OUGAKKAI'S STUDENT BODY PRESIDENTS BEFORE YOU HAVE SET
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT LIKE THAT
HEY, MOVE OUT OF THE WAY. I CAN'T SEE!
I'D PREFER IF YOU WOULDN'T BUTT IN!
What's all the noise?
What's happening?
What's your problem? Are you incapable of obeying your servant's wishes?
ONCE TOO MANY PEOPLE GATHER, VIOLENCE WILL CERTAINLY FOLLOW.
BEFORE THE SITUATION GETS OUT OF HAND
CHATTER
CHATTER

Ehhh
PLEASE, DON'T ARGUE
AH-, YESSIR!
IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE LADIES OF MOKUON GIRL'S SCHOOL CONTINUED ON TO SCHOOL
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE LATE, RIGHT?
BUT WE...
WE STILL HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY PICTURES
And they're all finally together in one place, too.
Yeah!
SMILE
BUT YOU'RE ALL GOOD GIRLS,
AREN'T YOU?
Y-
YEEEEEESSS!
Kyaaa!!
He really is a prince!
He smiled at me...
swoooooooooooooooooooon
I'M SORRY, EVERYONE FOR CAUSING A DISTURBANCE
LET'S ALL HEAD TO THE CLASSROOMS
mutter
mutter
Yes, sir

YUU-CHAN, YOU'RE AMAZING
KEI
QUITE.
...ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
THIS IS SO OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME
ABOVE ALL, THE STUDENTS WILL HEED THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT.
OUKAGAKUIN, AN ILLUSTRIOUS ALL-BOYS PRIVATE SCHOOL
YET, EVEN AMIDST THIS ASSEMBLY OF THE MOST ELITE STUDENTS IN THE NATION, THERE STANDS UP ART A SMALL, REVERED TEAM OF SPECIALLY SELECTED STUDENTS OF THE OUKA STUDENT COUNCIL.
NOT ONLY HAVE THEY CAPTURED THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WITHIN THE SCHOOL, BUT OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS, AND EVEN OF THE CITIZENS LIVING IN THE VICINITY.

STARTLE
AH-
SATSUKI-CHAN
THEY WERE THE PRIDE OF THE SCHOOL.
SATSUKI-CHAN
PERFECT TIMING, TOKIETA.
HERE, HAVE THIS
STEP STEP
ECLAIRS
The cream is fresh, so eat them soon.
WHAT IS IT....?
WHAT?
AH... SATSUKI-CHAN,
DO YOU...
L-LOVE ME ?

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET AWAY WITH CALLING YOU "SATSUKI-CHAN"
YUSA-SENPAI
IF I TRIED YOU'D GET ANGRY
I, I, I, I, I'M SORRY !!!
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
I JUST RECEIVED TOO MANY FROM THE THIRD-YEAR SENPAIS,
AND COULDN'T FINISH THEM ALL BY MYSELF, SO I'M SHARING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
RUN RUN
What the hell Geez.
YOU HAVE QUITE A SOFT SPOT FOR NAGI-CHAN DON'T YOU, VICE-CHAIRMAN?
chuckle
I'LL SEE YOU AFTER SCHOOL IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM!
I WONDER, WHAT SHOULD WE COVER?
IT'D BE MORE EFFICIENT IF YOU'D RECOMMEND ONE
YOU ARE THE CHAIRMAN, AFTER ALL
RATHER THAN WASTING YOUR BREATH ON SUCH FOOLISHNESS PLEASE CONCENTRATE ON PREPARING THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Decisions are made faster that way
"DO YOU LOVE ME?" HE SAID WELL, YOU CAN'T HATE HIM.
AT ANY RATE, I HEARD SOMETHING QUITE INTERESTING AS I HAPPENED TO PASS BY
Ah, he's scrolling.

PLEASE DESIS-....
IDE
GL
WHAT ARE YO-
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
ANOTHER INVIGORATING DAY OF WORK
YOU SEEM FULL OF ENERGY, FIRST-YEAR
ALL RIGHT
OF COURSE!! I'VE ADMIRED THE STUDENT COUNCIL EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THRILLED I WAS WHEN I HEARD I'D BEEN SELECTED.
I studied really hard to make it here!
Members are selected by both the Former Student Council and the Acting President (Yuushi)
AHHHHH
THESE ARE THE RECORDS OF OUR MEETINGS
What's going on?
IT'S PRETTY NOISY IN HERE
GL
IDE
Hey, hun
YUSA-SENPAI.
What are you doing?

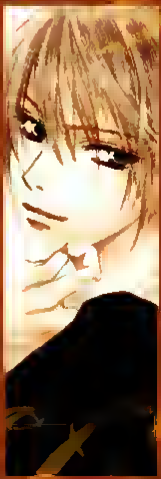
YUSA-SENPAI.
SAIGA BECAME QUITE UNGLUED. HE'S A STRONG ONE.
That child
AH HA HA
Ah,
THAT'S A HABIT OF NAGI'S
HE ASKED SAIGA WITH A COMPLETELY STRAIGHT FACE
"DO YOU LOVE ME?"
It was so cuuuute
COULD YOU STOP ASKING "WHERE'S NAGI?" AS SOON AS YOU WALK IN?
Every single time...
WHERE'S NAGI?
NOT HERE YET.
AH YES, SPEAKING OF NAGI-CHAN,
I SAW SOMETHING INTERESTING TODAY
HABIT!!?
YEAH, IT IS.
!?
What the hell is wrong with you?
THAT'S A HABIT?
He's even asked me before!
IT'S PURELY SPONTANEOUS.
HE'LL BLITHELY ASK PRETTY MUCH ANYONE.

NOTHING
IF YOU DIG A LITTLE DEEPER, IT DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING.
I KNEW IT MEANT NOTHING.
YES, YES, OF COURSE
OHHHHH, I SEE!
doesn't he seem kind of disappointed?
HMM
Like he didn't even notice it himself.
SPONTANEOUS, HUH? YOU'RE RIGHT IT CAME OFF THAT WAY.
ALL RIGHT, SPEAK TO ME.
IS IT MY PLACE TO SAY...?
NO, YOU'LL FIND OUT SOONER OR LATER...
I KNOW
NAGI'S PARENTS, THEY...
DIVORCED WHEN NAGI WAS STILL YOUNG
DOESN'T HE LIVE WITH HIS FATHER?
STOP GETTING OFF TRACK!
Hurry up

I WAS IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
IT CAUSED A LOT OF PROBLEMS
HIS FATHER IS PRECISELY THE PROBLEM
HE REALLY DIDN'T COME HOME OFTEN
WHEN YOU SAY HE "DIDN'T COME HOME" WAS IT DUE TO WORK?
DUNNO THAT'S WHAT NAGI SAID
BUT, IS WORK A SUFFICIENT REASON FOR THE HOUSE TO BE THAT EMPTY?
I HAVE TO WONDER
WAS HE REALLY GONE THAT LONG?
TWO WEEKS? THREE WEEKS?
NO SOMETIMES EVEN LONGER
ONCE THERE WAS A RUMOR GOING AROUND THAT HE'D DISAPPEARED
THEN
HE HAD A MISTRESS OR
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MALICIOUS CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM THAT
NAGI ACTED LIKE NOTHING WAS WRONG
BUT IN REALITY VICIOUS RUMORS OF THAT VARIETY WERE FLYING ALL OVER THE PLACE
IT WAS INFURIATING

THE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE LOVED...
DOESN'T EXIST.
BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU WONDER WHAT OTHERS THINK OF YOU
AND UNWITTINGLY SAY THINGS THAT QUESTION A PERSON'S INTENTIONS
WHEN YOUR MOTHER LEAVES YOU BEHIND,
AND YOUR FATHER NEVER COMES HOME
IN THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT
WELL,
NAGI DOESN'T SAY MUCH ABOUT HIMSELF
OR SOMETHING
SO THESE ARE ONLY GUESSES ON MY PART

I LOVE THINGS THAT LOOK ADORABLE (SO WHAT?)
THINGS OF THE PUPPY VARIETY IN PARTICULAR
FLUFF
FLUFF
THINGS THAT ARE FLUFFY AND OUGHT TO BE LOVED
I NEVER KNEW...
SOFT AND SWEET
NAGI IS LIKE THAT
WHEN I WAS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT I NEVER SAW HIM EXCEPT AT BOARD MEETINGS.
BUT I LIKED HIS SERIOUS SILENT WAY OF DOING THINGS.
Class Committee Chairman
Secretary Assistant
Different classes
2nd year Secretary Assistant
HIS FATHER REALLY DOESN'T COME HOME OFTEN.
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S CARRYING AROUND THAT KIND OF BURDEN.



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BEEF AND POTATO STEW
GRILLED SALMON BACON AND DAIKON KINPIRA
EGG AND PEA SALAD
DELICIOUS!
COME TO THINK OF IT, MUCH OF YESTERDAY W/S THE SAME.
HOW DO YOU REMEMBER HOW TO MAKE ALL OF THIS?
THEY'RE ALL DISHES THAT MY DAD LOVES
I WANTED TO MAKE THEM WELL
EVER SINCE THE STUDENT COUNCIL CHANGED MEMBERS WE'VE BEEN SPENDING MORE TIME TOGETHER.
IT'S FINE. NO ONE WILL PICK UP ANYWAY.
I THOUGHT HE WAS GROWING A LITTLE ATTACHED TO ME BUT
EVEN HIS WORDS FROM YESTERDAY
SIMPLY MEANT THAT NO ONE WAS AT HOME
HE'S ONLY BEEN ACCOMPANYING ME BECAUSE I SOUGHT HIM OUT FIRST.
I'VE BEEN SO V.IN.

HE MUST REALLY LOVE HIS FATHER.
DAD'S BUSY WITH WORK, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
HE HAS ENSURED THAT I WANT FOR NOTHING
I'M HAPPY WITH THAT.
YOU TAKE CARE OF THE LAUNDRY, THE COOKING AND EVERYTHING? MUST BE ROUGH.
WOW, YOUR FATHER IS ONE LUCKY GUY
WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER DO FOR A LIVING?
UM... HE'S AN ARTIST
IS HIS STUDIO IN YOUR HOUSE?
AN ARTIST?! COOL!
YOU GUYS MUST BE TOGETHER ALL THE TIME
SOMETIMES WHEN I TURN AROUND HE'S ALREADY DISAPPEARED
HOW ABOUT YOU, YUU-CHAN? DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS?
ME? UH, I HAVE A YOUNGER BROTHER.
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
I STEPPED RIGHT ONTO THAT LANDMINE...
GLOOM
MUST YOU LOOK.

HEH
SURE. I DON'T MIND
I'LL PUT IT ON A TIMER FOR YOU
AH, THANK YOU
SO cute...
I COULDN'T GET TO SLEEP WITHOUT IT ON, AND...
IT KIND OF BECAME A HABIT. AND THEN,
IT'S... I KNOW IT'S CHILDISH BUT...
AND THAT WASN'T ALL
DO YOU MIND IF I LEAVE THE TV ON WHEN I GO TO SLEEP?
AND SO, HE SLEPT.

I DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT. BUT...
AT THE TIME...
THAT'S RIGHT.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL ALONE
MAKING HIS FATHER'S FAVORITE DISHES
FILLING THE ROOM WITH THE SOUND OF THE TV.
FOR A LONG, LONG TIME

I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO BRING MYSELF TO ENJOY THE WEEKENDS
AND NOW,
IT'S AS IF THAT FEELING HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER.
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
Ah—
Finally, it's over!
Home! Time to go home!
IT'S THE WEEKEND ALREADY.
HOW DEPRESSING.
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.
THIS CONCLUDES THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING.
PLEASE RETURN THE SURVEYS TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.
THUNK
CLATTER
Pant Pant
IF I DON'T GET BACK AT MACH SPEED, THERE WON'T BE ANY FOOD LEFT!!
CRAAAAP!!
FWOOM
Ahh
OKAY. BE SAFE
Dorm student
I'M OFF, NAGI! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!!
I SHOULD GO HOME
IT MUST BE TOUGH
BEING PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT
HE'S STILL SPEAKING WITH TAKAMURA-SENPAI.
THEY LOOK BUSY.
MAYBE YUU-CHAN

AH, WAIT...
NAGI
LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER.
At least part of the way!
EH?
BUT...
I'LL TAKE THIS WITH ME AND LOOK IT OVER.
Thank you
SHALL WE GO?
Nod.
Were...
IT'S COMPLETELY DARK.
PROBABLY SINCE THE MEETING WENT ON FOR SO LONG
Because classes are shorter in the evening
I wonder if Kyon-chan made it back in time for dinner
EH?
YOU DROPPED YOUR STUDENT ID CARD
THANKS.
YOUR BIRTHDAY'S IN APRIL!?

THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH AN APRIL BIRTHDAY.
IT ALWAYS PASSES BEFORE YOU CAN REALLY MAKE ANY FRIENDS
AH... YES.
IN ANOTHER WEEK, I'LL BE 17.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
EH?
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG. I WANT TO GET YOU SOMETHING
AH! I WASN'T TRYING TO PRESSURE YOU FOR GIFTS OR ANYTHING!
SO CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING? ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO FOR YOU...
I KIND OF...
WANT TO GO...
TO YUU-CHAN'S HOUSE AGAIN.
TO THAT COMFORTABLE ROOM
WHERE IT'S WIDE
AND BRIGHT
AND WARM
I THINK
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT
THE REASON I FIND THE WEEKENDS SO GLOOMY

PLUS, I'M ALREADY TOO OLD TO BE GETTING PRESENTS.
I WOULD JUST BE A NUISANCE
BUT OF COURSE,
THANK YOU.
IT'S ENOUGH THAT YOU THOUGHT OF ME.
IS BECAUSE I DON'T GET TO SEE YUU-CHAN
NAG!?
EHEHEH
I COULD HAVE SWORN HE WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOTHING?
YEAH
YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH FOR ME.
I SEE.
THEN,

IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE NOW.
ONCE YOU THINK OF SOMETHING
TELL ME.
IT CAN BE ANYTHING.
.....?
OKAY, I WILL
SMILE

DON'T FORGET
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
WHEN I'M WITH YUU-CHAN,
WHAT IS IT ABOUT HIM?
SOMETIMES,
I FEEL MYSELF GETTING CHOKED UP.
HEY, LET'S GO

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME HERE, THE BUDGETS ARE STILL FINAL.
WE WON'T CHANGE THEM.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND
WE WANT AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT KITOU!
Yeah!
WHAT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
WE DON'T HAVE MONEY TO SPARE ON THOSE WHO CAN'T EVEN KEEP THEIR GRADES UP.
THE PRESIDENT HAS A FULL SCHEDULE AND IS UNAVAILABLE TO MEET WITH YOU
IF YOU HAVE THE TIME TO LOITER AROUND HERE COMPLAINING,
WHY NOT CRAWL HOME AND WORK ON IMPROVING YOURSELVES INSTEAD?
Ah, so blunt. And I tried so hard not to say it.
Stab
THINGS MAY BE GETTING OUT OF HAND OUT THERE...
WASN'T IT A MISTAKE TO SEND SAIGA OUT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THIS SPRING IS AS FOLLOWS:
A WELCOME PARTY FOR THE NEW STUDENTS
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR SCHOOL,
THE GENERAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY.
AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF OUR SISTER SCHOOL, YUZURIHA HIGH

THEY SAID THEY'LL KEEP COMING BACK UNTIL THEY GET TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.
I UNDERSTAND.
IF THEY WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL THEY SPEAK WITH ME I'LL SEE THEM NEXT TIME.
I'M WORN OUT.
THEY DID, BUT...
THEY WENT HOME?
THERE ARE MANY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR.
CLICK
Maybe I should write the mass-script for the anniversary celebration.
Oh and following that the Sports Festival
YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES ALONE WILL INCLUDE REGULAR ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS, FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
ARE YOU TRYING TO WORK ME TO DEATH...?
It's still only April
I FORBID IT THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT SEE CASES WITHOUT GOOD REASON.
TO ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT THEM,
WOULD MERELY BE A WASTE OF INCALCULABLE HOURS
THE BUDGETS ARE FINAL WE CANNOT REVISE THEM.
I DON'T CONSIDER IT A WASTE.

AN HOUR... EVEN 30 MINUTES WILL BE ENOUGH.
IN THAT SHORT TIME WE'LL DROP THE FORMALITIES AND DISCUSS THINGS DIRECTLY.
BY DOING SO, I'M SURE THEY'LL UNDERSTAND OUR DECISION.
...NO, I'LL PROVE THAT I CAN MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND.
I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I POSSIBLY CAN FOR THEM. THAT IS, IF EVERYONE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ME.
...IF I TAKE ABSOLUTELY NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES FOR THIS ONE CASE,
SURELY YOU CAN FIT IT IN SOMEWHERE, TAKAMURA-
IF YOU SAN MOVE A FEW THINGS AROUND
VERY WELL
BUT ONLY 30
YES SIR
WE'LL ALL COOPERATE TOO
HM,
YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT, AFTER ALL
DO AS YOU LIKE
CLICK
WHY, HELLO
I TRUST YOU GENTLEMEN ARE ALL WORKING DILIGENTLY.

Ah,
SATSUKI CHA——N!
I'LL HAVE DARJEELING TEA ♡
Blush
Tense
HOW UNUSUAL. IT'S RARE THAT WE SEE SHINOBU IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM.
You like sweets, don't you?
I'VE BROUGHT A LITTLE GIFT.
THE NEW PASTRIES FROM "MOKUREN"
SAIGA-KUN, WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING ON SOME TEA FOR US?
OH? SHINOBU
WHY SHOULD I...?
IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU MAKING AN APPEARANCE EVEN WHEN YOU ARE NOT BORED
I WAS BORED OUT OF MY MIND SO I THOUGHT I'D STOP BY AND TAKE A LOOK
You're supposed to be the Head Secretary, aren't you?
If you can call yourself that!!
WHY THE HELL DID YOU COME THEN?!
Ah, yes
PLEASE DO FEEL FREE TO CONTINUE WORKING AS IF I'M NOT HERE
DON'T EVER GROW UP TO BE LIKE HIM.
The kind who teases the person they like like those chunin kids
We used to get mad, Satsuki-cha...
I wonder why Satsuki-chan's so angry?
FIRST-YEARS
OH!
WHY DON'T YOU DO IT YOURSELF?!
THUNK

As always, Sango-kun brews excellent tea.
THAT REMINDS ME, YESTERDAY,
I HEARD THAT SOMEONE CHALLENGED THE SPELL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SPIRITS "
AH... NOT A BAD IDEA...
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE FINALLY IN FULL BLOOM, TOO
Well actually they're already beyond full bloom
YEAH, THE PETALS BEGIN FALLING BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
Last chance to see them
TN Hanami: literally "flower-watching" is a Japanese tradition of getting together with family and friends admire the cherry blossoms (nethenel flower) usually with food and drinks.
OWOWOWOWO
GRIND GRIND
I Give! I Give!
SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE THE SWEETS
WOULDN'T THIS BE A NICE TIME FOR HANAMI "
STANDS A CHERRY TREE THAT IS SAID TO BE SEVERAL HUNDRED YEARS OLD
NEAR THE ART BUILDING
IT IS RUMORED THAT THAT SAME CHERRY TREE IS THE HOME OF SPIRITS
YOU DON'T KNOW?
REMEMBER, YUU-CHAN DIDN'T TRANSFER IN UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL
Plus there weren't any challengers last year
OH? DID HE SUCCEED?
NO, HE FAILED,
DESPITE BEING A MEMBER OF THE TRACK TEAM.
THE SPELL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SPIRITS?
WHAT'S THAT?
?

UH-HUH
YOU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL PROTECTION CHARM
ONCE YOU'VE DONE SO,
WHILE THE TREE STILL BLOSSOMS, YOU MUST TAKE A SPRAY OF ITS FLOWERS TO THE HANASHIRO SHRINE AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN
Note: Hanashiro = Flower Castle
IF YOU BRING BACK THAT CHARM BEFORE THE CHERRY TREE
LEGEND CLAIMS THAT THE SPIRITS WILL GRANT ANY WISH YOU CHOOSE.
I SEE.
WELL, WITH A TREE THAT OLD,
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL THAT IT WOULD SPAWN A LEGEND OR TWO.
IN THIS LAST DECADE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGERS.
Not to mention, anyone who can run 5 KM (miles) to you 5 KM minutes should be competing in the Inter-High tournaments!
IT'S A LITTLE OVER FOUR KILOMETERS FROM HERE TO THE SHRINE.
HALFWAY THERE, YOU HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING EITHER THE LONG INCLINE OR THE STONE STEPS.
G-EH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT - A TEST OF ENDURANCE!?
HOWEVER! THE ROUND TRIP MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 30 MINUTES.
EVEN RUNNING AT FULL SPEED, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE IT.

IT HAS BECOME FAR MORE DIFFICULT TO MEET THE CHALLENGE IN RECENT TIMES
UNLIKE THE COMPLICATED PATH THAT EXISTS TODAY, LONG AGO THERE WAS ONE ROAD THAT LED NEARLY STRAIGHT TO THE MOUNTAIN
ALTHOUGH,
SOME SAY THAT THE LEGEND ORIGINATED AS A WAY TO TEST A STUDENT'S METTLE
THEN!
YOUR CHANCES OF HER ACCEPTING YOU GROW TO 90 PERCENT!!!
IF YOU GIVE THE CHARM TO THE GIRL YOU LIKE AND CONFESS YOUR LOVE... THEN!
HOW ABOUT IT? WANT TO RACE?!
I'M CONFIDENT THAT I CAN DO IT!
Against me.
NOT EVEN IF THE HOUNDS OF HELL WERE AT MY HEELS!
I've fired up and ready to go. You won't win easily...
WHY NOT?
Those challengers must really like girls
IS PRECISELY DUE TO THAT FACTOR
THE REASON THAT THERE ARE STILL CHALLENGERS DESPITE THE STRINGENT TRAINING REQUIRED...
I'm not impressed
OH, IS THAT ALL? THIS HAS TO DO WITH GIRLS...
DON'T "IS THAT ALL" ME.
IT'S A CRITICAL FACTOR!!
THE BLESSING SEEMS PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE ON THE GIRLS FROM MOKUON GIRL'S SCHOOL NEARBY.
Since our school only has boys
BUT THERE IS {
THERE'S NO POINT TO IT!
Not to me!

I'VE HAD A FEELING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE NOW
N-GI...
AGREED.
EH, BUT
ISN'T THIS WHAT THEY CALL COSMIC INTERVENTION
HOWEVER, WITH SUCH IMPURE MOTIVES THERE WILL BE NO WINNERS
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE IF ONE PUTS ONE'S MIND TO IT
WHILE EVERYONE GOOFS AROUND WITH THEIR FRIENDS,
AH HA HA!
Discord with comedy. Unearthly right this instant.
AH...
WHILE THEY TALK AMONGST THEMSELVES ONE ON ONE,
HE DISTANCES HIMSELF
THIS AGAIN

HE PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT HE COULD BE LOVED BY ANYONE
HE SEEMS TO CRAVE LOVE
NAGI HE
What do you think, Nagi?
Eh...?
CLOSES OFF THE DEEPEST PART OF HIS HEART FROM EVERYONE
THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM ARE CATCHING WIND OF IT AS WELL
DO YOU LOVE ME?
IT PAINS ME TO WATCH
THERE'S SO LITTLE THAT I CAN DO
AT TIMES LIKE THIS,
YET
HE'S BEWILDERED WHEN OTHERS PAY HIM ANY MIND
IT ALWAYS PASSES BEFORE YOU CAN REALLY MAKE ANY FRIENDS
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH AN APRIL BIRTHDAY
Oi,
DO YOU WANT THE TEA OR NOT?
What are you doing?
IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING BACK AND DOING NOTHING, RIGHT?
GOOD idea...

Nagi's Surprise Birthday Party And Mixer
THIS WEEKEND, AMONGST THE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS,
I THOUGHT WE COULD THROW A SURPRISE PARTY!
Only 4 days left!
OU——R PURPOSE.
CERTAINLY, I WOULD GIVE THE SHIRT OFF MY BACK FOR ONE OF MY CUTE KOUHAI *
So this is what you were plotting
IT'S FOR NAGI'S SAKE RIGHT? OF COURSE WE'LL DO IT
I- I'D...
This way we can get closer to Sempai...
I- LIKE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT!!
HOWEVER
Ah, to members, you already have a murderous schedule.
IF WE GO THROUGH WITH THIS, YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO STRETCH YOURSELF THIN
CAN YOU PERFORM YOUR DUTIES AS PRESIDENT AT THE SAME TIME?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS
I- I AGREE!!
YET ANOTHER IMPULSIVE DECISION
And we have no time...
WHOA, NAGI WAS BORN IN APRIL?
IT WILL OVERLAP WITH THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL'S MIXER BUT
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BRING ON THE MURDEROUS SCHEDULE!!
I CAN EXECUTE BOTH THE PARTY PREPARATIONS AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL DUTIES FLAWLESSLY..."
Muahahaha
WOOHOO
Hell yeah, asshole!
I couldn't get it
Haha!
SO HE SAYS
What a funny president
All right then.
THEN IT'S DECIDED!
YEAHHH!!
Will we exchange presents too?
THERE IS NO PRECEDENT — BUT,
IF YOU INSIST THAT YOU CAN DO BOTH, I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS
Good job!
Thanks
I'M TAKING HIM WITH ME!!
DASH
Kid napping
UWA!
Hold up! At least let me change out of these clothes!
President!!
Club activity

Aah, you're referring to that
It's intriguing how he reacts differently than any of the presidents before him
If Nagi were more attached to me
I'd want to take him under my wing...
Perhaps
While he spoke his mind, the reason that everyone followed him...
Was because he took the initiative and acted on it
I want to try petting his head
Like a little puppy
You
Quite true
And this time his sole intent is to take Nagi under his wing
Truly
Aaaaahhhh!!!
Why did you paint it orange over there!
Shuddup
How dare you criticize my impeccable artistic flair!
Gyaaaahh!!
He really works hard when it's for Nagi
Wait a... Please stop fighting!
Well... truthfully, he's doing quite an admirable job
No matter what difficulties arise he takes them all in stride

WHEN HE DOESN'T FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING AT HOME,
I IMAGINE IT WOULD BE PAINFUL IF HE COULDN'T FIND THAT SENSE OF BELONGING ELSEWHERE.
...BUT NEITHER CAN HE ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE DEPENDENT ON OTHERS
IF ONLY HE'D REALIZE THAT HE TRULY IS LOVED.
WHEN A CHILD IS MISTREATED BY HIS PARENTS,
THE CHILD BLAMES NOT THE PARENTS, BUT HIMSELF.
HE TRAPS HIMSELF INTO THINKING THAT IT'S ALL HIS FAULT.
BUT THAT BOY NEVER COMES TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE.
NOT UNLESS HE HAS DUTIES TO ATTEND TO.
THE OTHER MEMBERS GATHER HERE EVEN WHEN THERE'S NO WORK TO DO.
YUSA-SAN,
TAKAMURA-SAN
CAN I BORROW YOU FOR A SECOND?
Okay you hold it here. Right. Here. Hold this. Like this. Please.

I forgot some-thing.
CLICK
GAH!?
I don't really mind. Uh, sure.
Birthday Party
Party time! Ahaha
THERE'S NO PLACE TO SET IT DOWN AND LET IT DRY
OH, EVERYONE'S STILL HERE?
Ahaha...
D-don't, wet....
.....You have seem to get along well.....
Sur-prise...
Senpai...!?
HIDE
Use your bodies!!

II-A
YAWNNNN
YOU'VE SURE BEEN WORKING HARD
HMM?
IT MUST BE HARD TAKING ON THE POSITION OF STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AS A SECOND-YEAR...
Smile
NAH
I'M FINE, I'M FINE

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO DECORATE THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE DURING LUNCHTIME
AND INVITE NAGI.
Let's set some kitchen stuff
II-D
chatter chatter
PERFECT!
Huh? Huh?
THE PRESENTS ARE READY, TOO...
DAMN IT!!! ALRIGHT!!! OUR PRESENT IS ABSOLUTELY MARVELOUS!!!
NOT LISTENING...
WAAAHH!!
BA-BUMP
CLASSICAL EXPRESSION

I DON'T HAVE ANY STUDENT COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY
YUU-CHAN WILL PROBABLY BE BUSY THOUGH...
HE'S BEEN EVEN BUSIER LATELY...
IT'S NOT LIKE I NEED ANYTHING FROM HIM, AND IF I GO, I'LL JUST BE IN THE WAY...
BUZZ BUZZ
HUH? MY CELL PHONE...
HELLO?
.....

PERFECT TIMING.
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO LOOKING FOR YOU
SAME HERE I WAS GETTING READY TO GO SEARCHING FOR YOU
NAGI!
GUESS WHAT
TODAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE,
DAD'S COMING HOME!
HUH?
I WONDER IF HE REMEMBERS THAT IT'S MY BIRTHDAY TODAY?
OH YEAH, WHAT SHOULD I MAKE FOR DINNER? I'D BETTER HURRY HOME AND GET STARTED!
I WONDER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE LAST TIME?
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S SAID HE'D BE HOME, BUT SOMETHING WOULD ALWAYS COME UP IN THE END. I GUESS THIS IS HIS WAY OF MAKING IT UP TO ME
He called Me On the Phone

I'll do some shopping before going home.
I SEE.
HE'S COMING HOME
NAGI LOOKS REALLY HAPPY
AH, YOU HAD SOMETHING TO TELL ME YUU-CHAN?
UH, NO! I JUST CAME TO CHECK UP ON YOU
THAT'S WHY— I THOUGHT I'D FIND YOU AND ASK IF THERE REALLY IS NO STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING TODAY
AH, YEAH
THAT'S RIGHT.
There isn't
there isn't
LATER
TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT TOMORROW.
OKAY I'LL STOP BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
WE CAN HAVE THE PARTY WITH HIM ANY TIME
udent Council Office
SO HIS DAD'S COMING HOME
Makes sense.
MMMM. WELL,
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT

HEY,
DON'T BE SO GLUM.
I'M NOT I'M HAPPY
WELL, IT IS HIS BIRTHDAY
THEY CAN FINALLY TURN OVER A NEW LEAF
Best not to enter with their family time
NAGI, THAT IS
HE KEPT SMILING
I WANT
HIM TO LIVE LIFE
WITH A SMILE

IT'S GETTING A BIT LATE...
Tick
Tick
I'M JUST WAITING SOME TV WHILE I WAIT!
NAH, JUST A LITTLE LONGER JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
Sparkle
PERFECT!
8
THERE'S ALWAYS THE PHONE...
AM I RETARDED OR SOMETHING!?
HOW CAN I EVEN THINK OF INTRUDING ON THEIR FAMILY TIME ALONE TOGETHER?
I CAN ASK TOMORROW
I WONDER...
IF NAGI...
IS HAVING FUN WITH HIS FATHER RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

Tick
Tock
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER...
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER AND I KNOW HE'LL BE HOME
I
Tick
JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER..
Tock
Shudder
Shudder
chirp
chirp
chirp

IT'S NO BIG DEAL...
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS...
CAN'T BE HELPED! IT MUST BE WORK
THAT'S RIGHT
HAHA
I GUESS HE COULDN'T COME HOME AFTER ALL...
Good morning!
It's gotten a little chilly outside today.
YES EXACTLY
IT'S NOT LIKE...

I KNOW WHAT A BIRTHDAY FEELS LIKE ANYWAY.

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Our Apologies

In Chapter 01 of Toumei Shounen, two translation/ editing errors occured. In the table of contents, the title for the extra chapter was changed from "A Request from the Student Council" to "An Interview with the Student Council." Also, on The Structure of the Student Council" page, the name of the head secretary was mistranslated.

The corrected pages are included in the zip of this file so you can add the corrected ones into the first chapter if you wish.

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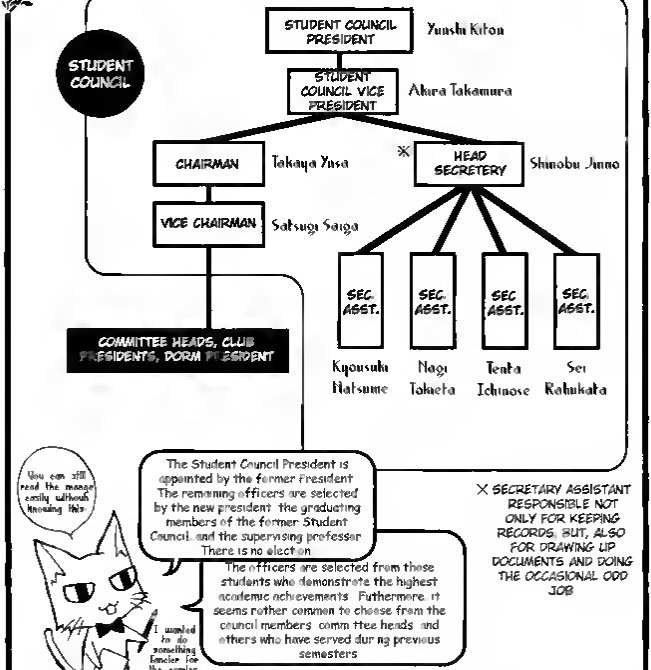
Structure of the Student Council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STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Yuushi Kitou
STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT
Akira Takamura
CHAIRMAN
Takaya Yusa
※
HEAD SECRETERY
Shinobu Jinno
VICE CHAIRMAN
Satsuga Saiga
SEC. ASST.
SEC. ASST.
SEC. ASST.
SEC. ASST.
COMMITTEE HEADS, CLUB PRESIDENTS, DORM PRESIDENT
Kyousuke Natsume
Nagi Takaeta
Tenka Ichinose
Sei Rokukata
You can still read the manga easily without knowing this.
The Student Council President is appointed by the former President. The remaining officers are selected by the new president, the graduating members of the former Student Council, and the supervising professor. There is no election.
The officers are selected from those students who demonstrate the highest academic achievements. Furthermore, it seems rather common to choose from the council members, committee heads, and others who have served during previous semesters.
I wanted to do something fancier for the comics.
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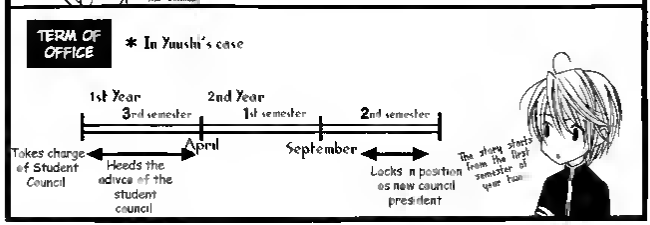

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The Invisible Youth
ACT. 2
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The Rain Fell II

PRESIDENT KITOU.
PAGING... PRESIDENT KITOU.
URGENT.
PLEASE COME TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.
I DON'T GET IT. I'M SURE HE WAS WITH US WHEN WE WERE CLEANING
SOME PEOPLE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL ASKED US... TO BRING HIM TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE ONCE WE FIND HIM.
AHH, KITOU-KUN? WE'RE LOOKING FOR HIM, TOO

YUU-CHAN...
I REALLY...
WANT TO...
TALK TO YOU SOON ——
WHERE ARE YOU?

WH-
WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?
"WHAT SHOULD WE DO?"... THEY TOLD US TO BRING HIM THERE
Well, we found him.
YOU MEAN WE HAVE TO WAKE HIM!?
HE'S SLEEPING; HE MUST BE TIRED, RIGHT!?
.....SO.....
Zz...
HE'S ASLEEP...!
DA-DUMP
HMMM...
HM...M M...
GULP
WOOOOAHHHH!
I'M SORRY!! I'M SORRY, YUUSHI——!
AND WE CALL OURSELVES YOUR FRIENDS
SOMETIMES WHEN WE WATCH YOU, THOUGH, WE CAN'T HELP BUT DESIRE-...

PLEASE WAKE UP
PRESIDENT
MM.....
IT'S NEARLY TIME.
PRESIDENT,
THIS IS NO PLACE TO BE SLEEPING.
YEAH, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE COMPLETELY MERCILESS ABOUT IT...
WOW, Y-YOU'RE WAKING HIM AWFULLY GENTLY.
STARE
PRESIDENT KITOU
MMM

I APOLOGIZE, YOU MUST BE TIRED.
BUT THERE IS WORK TO DO.
AH... NO, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING.
I'M ON MY WAY.
HUH TAKAMURA-SAN...?
DID I... FALL ASLEEP?
EEEK!
M-- we're so very sorry...
GLARE
Are you all right?
I'm fine..
STAGGER
I... I THINK MY HEART STOPPED
AAHH
THAT WAS TERRIFY-ING...
THUMP THUMP! THUMP

NO
I CAN'T
IMPOSE ON YUU-CHAN ANY MORE
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
HMM
NAH,
IT'S NOTHING

TO WHERE?
THE HOUSE?
TO GO HOME.
NO, NOT THERE.
I WANT...
THERE'S NO ONE WAITING AT THE HOUSE
IT'S NOTHING BUT A BOX.
STAY
I DON'T WANT TO STAY THERE.
I'M LEAVING YOU HERE.
STAY HERE

NAGI
GOOD BYE,
SLAM
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.
I HEARD HIS MOTHER LEFT THEM,
AND HIS FATHER IS NEVER HOME.
THAT'S WHY.
HOW COME NO ONE FROM NAGI'S FAMILY...
EVER COMES?
I'M ALWAYS
ALONE.
silence
DAD!
LOOK! LOOK!
I GOT A 100 PERCENT!

AM I A FAILURE AS A HUMAN BEING?
PLEASE.
YET YOU STILL EXPECT OTHERS TO LOVE YOU!?
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND. DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ALONE
I WONDER
WHAT IT IS ABOUT ME...
DAD,
I'M SORRY,
I'M SORRY
THEN YOU'RE ALREADY A FAILURE
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE A FAILURE,
I'LL BE A GOOD KID
I'LL STUDY
NO ONE
THAT'S SO WRONG
EVER
I'LL LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING AT HOME
WANTS ME
YOU HATE YOURSELF.
Haa...
Haa...
SO,
PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ALONE

I'M SCARED...

OF BEING ALONE...

SO VERY,

SCARED...

HEY YOU.
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, ♡ YOU'RE CUTE
A BOY?
AND HE'S EVEN GOT A PURPLE STRIPE
JUDGING BY YOUR UNIFORM, YOU MUST BE FROM OUGAKU
SO, YOU'RE AN HONOR STUDENT
Food! Fun, Food! Fun
HUH...?

SLUMP
IT SEEM-
U——NH SO TI~~~RED
HE WAS SLEEPING IN THE INNER GARDEN
YES, JUST NOW
DID YOU SAY THAT YOU FOUND YUUSHI?
Student Cou
Please sit down
I NEEDED TO FINISH THE MANUSCRIPT FOR THE SPEECH BY TODAY BUT
IN ADDITION TO DOING SO MUCH THESE LAST FEW DAYS,
YESTERDAY, HE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT
NOT ENOUGH SLEEP?
THAT'S
what happens when you're an idiot
THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULDN'T GO HOME UNTIL I LET THEM COME UP TO MY ROOM
AND THEN RAISED HELL THE ENTIRE NIGHT
Even the manager got involved.
LAST EVENING, OUT OF THE BLUE,
A GROUP OF GIRLS FROM MOKUJO FOLLOWED ME ALL THE WAY TO MY APARTMENT
HAA?!
The hell? That makes no sense!

AKIRA, YOU STAYED OVER AT YUUSHI'S PLACE?
WAIT.
IF YOU HADN'T, I WOULD NEVER HAVE FINISHED
NAH, YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT BY KEEPING ME COMPANY ALL NIGHT.
AFTER THAT, I STARTED WRITING THE MANUSCRIPT, AND IT TOOK UNTIL MORNING
TAKAMURA-SAN CAME AND HAD A TALK WITH THEM.
THEN, SINCE IT WAS LATE IN THE EVENING, WE HELPED WALK THE GIRLS HOME
MAN, I WAS CORNERED
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO WRITE IT
EH!?
YEAH.
YOU'VE STAYED OVER SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY, HAVEN'T YOU?
FOR STUDENT COUNCIL WORK
WOW. I DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING
REALLY? I'D LIKE TO GO OVER SOMETIME, TOO
THEN COME.
AH, THEN
I GUESS I REALLY SHOULD BUY A GUEST FUTON
NOSY →
EEEHH!?
WOW!
YOU DON'T HAVE A FUTON?!
I definitely didn't see that one coming!
THEN YOU TWO SHARED A....!?
THE SOFA. I SLEPT ON THE SOFA.

THAT REMINDS ME
HAS NAGI BEEN BY YET?
HE WON'T COME, WILL HE?
NOT WHEN THE ONLY ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA IS THE DISCUSSION ON THE CLUB BUDGET.
AH.
I OFFERED TO SHARE THE BED THOUGH
THAT'S RIGHT! I SHARED THE BED WITH NAGI
AND SQUEE —— ZED HIM TIGHT
DAMN YOU. EVERYTHING YOU SAY PISSES ME OFF.
I HAPPENED TO SEE TOKIEDA-SENPAI
JUST NOW IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES—
TENTA.
NO, THAT'S NOT...
YESTERDAY, HE SAID HE'D STOP BY...
YOU SAW NAGI?
YES
I THINK HE WAS WALKING AWAY WITH SOME PEOPLE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL
UM...UMM
CLICK
SENPA—I.

CLATTER
WHERE WERE THEY HEADED?!
AH... IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE STATION...
BUT THEY SORT OF LOOKED LIKE THEY CAME FROM A BAD CROWD, SO I'M WORRIED...
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU
ME, TOO..
TAKAYA, I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
NATSUME, YOU STAY HERE.
WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF THE TALKS GET OUT OF HAND.
ROGER
SLAM!!
TH-
THEY'LL BE OKAY WON'T THEY?
DON'T WORRY.
YOU CAN COUNT ON THOSE TWO
FEH

SHALL I TEACH YOU A DIRTY GAME?
WHAT WE NEED IS AN EXCUSE IF THEY ASK FOR A DEAL
LIKE I SAID, WHAT DO WE
SO, WHAT DO WE DO?
THE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ARRIVING ANY MOMENT
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT IS ABSENT AGAIN?
?
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU
WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S JUICE! JUST JUICE
There isn't that much alcohol in it anyway
IT'LL "REALLY LIFT YOUR SPIRITS" ONCE YOU HAVE SOME

...WHA-
WHAT THE HELL, YOU BASTARD...
YUU-CHAN...!
OI, PUNK
LET'S GO HOME, NAGI.
NO THANK YOU
I...
YUU-CHAN...
WHY NOT? IT'S DELICIOUS
EHHH
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO THAT?
YOU SAID YOU'D PLAY WITH US
UM...
I REALLY SHOULD BE GETTING HOME
YOU CAN'T LEAVE NOW THE FUN'S JUST ABOUT TO BEGIN
U-UM...
YE——AH, YEAH——
LET'S START BY GOING TO THE GAME CENTER.
GRAB

OUT!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. SO BUTT...
I SAID, HOLD IT.
SP
SH
...TAKAMURA-SAN!!
WH- WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY'S PROBLEM?
HE JUST JUMPED IN THE WAY ALL OF A SUDDEN...

SLAM!
PRESIDENT!
CALM DOWN,
IT IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT...
PRESIDENT!
.....!
wince

CRUNCH
U...WA...
GRAB

YUUSHI.
STOP IT.
...
WAAAH
LEAVE NOW...
AND I WON'T MAKE YOU PAY FOR THE DRY CLEANING.
SHIVER SHIVER
Oooooo...

W-Whoa. So that's what happens when you threaten a beauty...
D-don't get all red
RETREAT
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TAKAMURA-SENPAI?
I'M FINE
TAKAMURA-SAN!
WHY DID YOU SHIELD US?
I CAN HANDLE GETTING A LITTLE WET
IT'S NOT AS IF I COULD ALLOW ANY TO GET ON YOU
THAT WAS ALCOHOL
TOKIEDA,
YOU, TOO, SHOULD ACT WITH GREATER DISCRETION.
YES
I'M SORRY

...NEVER CAME HOME...?
YOUR FATHER...
OH, BUT...
I- I THINK HE HAD TO WORK
...HE DIDN'T CALL OR ANYTHING BUT,
I'M PRETTY SURE... THAT WAS IT...
AFTER THAT... I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT...
I KEPT THINKING, 'I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE TODAY'
ANYONE WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE...
I JUST... DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALL BY MYSELF...
THAT WAS ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT...
THAT'S WHEN
THOSE PEOPLE CALLED OUT TO ME
...WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TELL ME?
BECAUSE...
YOU WERE SLEEPING...
AND YOU SEEMED SO EXHAUSTED...

WHERE FAMILIES ARE SUPPOSED TO COME TOGETHER,
WHERE THE WIND AND THE RAIN SHOULD NEVER REACH HIM,
WHERE A PEACE LIKE NO OTHER IS SUPPOSED TO BE FOUND
I WONDER WHAT'S COME OVER ME TODAY
DAD NOT COMING HOME WITHOUT TELLING ME...
IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.
IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME
IN THAT HOUSE, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO WARM.
HIS TRUST HAS BEEN BETRAYED
BY THE ONES HE TRUSTED TO LOVE HIM UNCONDITIONALLY
REPEATEDLY HEARTBROKEN
TIME AND TIME AGAIN
IN THAT PLACE
HE MURMURED THOSE WORDS
WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE
SUCH SORROWFUL WORDS.

I'M TRULY SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
BOW
I'LL WALK YOU HOME
I'M... GOING HOME FOR TODAY
THANK YOU
NO, IT'S OKAY. I'M FINE NOW
...WAYS...
SHATTERED RELENTLESSLY BY THE COLD RAIN.
THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD SAY!
A CARELESS WORD
SEEMED AS IF IT WOULD ONLY HURT HIM FURTHER

I CAN'T
DO A THING
PATHETIC
YUUISH
I'M...
UTTERLY...
PATHETIC
Council Office
IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU APOLOGIZE
YOU HAVE TO!

NO, NOT REALLY
YUSA-KUN
YES, I DO
YOU THINK?
LOOK AROUND, SAGA-SENPAI STILL ISN'T HE~~~RE!
HE USUALLY ARRIVES BEFORE ME, RIGHT? AND YET...
I'M TELLING YOU, HE MUST STILL BE ANGRY!
DID YOU DO SOMETHING?
ALL I DID WAS KISS SATSUKI
WAS THERE
AHHHH, I SEE
NO!! NOT "AHHHH, I SEE"!
THERE WERE PEOPLE PRESENT! IT WAS INSIDE THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE!!
YOU'RE AT IT AGAIN
HEAR ME OUT! THE MEETING YESTERDAY HAD TO BE CANCELLED, RIGHT?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH A HASSLE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO THEM, SO I THOUGHT I'D FIND A MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO GET THEM TO GO HOME

Note: Autumysophobia = fear of being dirty
SLAM!
Exercise Club Automysophobic
Culture Club Astronaut
Yes, of course. Obviously, down it.
We didn't see anything, and it!!
SLURP
You can't deny that...
THEY DID TURN SHEET-WHITE AND LEAVE
AND THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE
BUT SAGA-SENPAI ALSO GOT ANGRY AND LEFT, AND HE HASN'T BEEN BACK SINCE EITHER
What was wrong with it?
You call that a "scene"?! Stop screaming around!!
I will never be able to forget
the shock of that moment
I kind of feel sorry for them
SO, I WAITED FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THEY OPENED THE DOOR AND THEN GE~NTLY...
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM
GAH
Well
THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY RUMORS. SO WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
IT WAS JUST A KISS
Girls like them
IT'S PRACTICALLY LIKE A HANDSHAKE.
WELL, BE IT A JOKE OR OTHERWISE
YOU SHOULD FIRST BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR PARTNER.
THAT ISN'T THE PROBLEM
I ONLY MEANT IT AS A LIGHT-HEARTED JOKE
WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS THAT
This is Japan

.....
.....
.....
...AH, YES.
*note: Commonly said when someone is leaving the house, it means "come back safely."
I SEE
I'LL GO AND GET SATSUKI
SLAM
*ITTER-ASSHA!
GLOOMY
cringe
Urk!
COULD YOU PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE GLOOMY-LOOKING PERSON OVER THERE?
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO AVOID THE SUBJECT, BUT
Hell be of no use to us this way.
What an unspeakable dark aura...
UH
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, MAN!!
I ABSOLUTELY HATE GLOOMY PEOPLE!
SMACK
UUUUAA!!
YOU'RE SO DAMNED DEPRESSING!!
SO REVOLTING!!
YUUSHI'S NOT EVEN RETALIATING!! REVOOOOLTING!!
sigh

ABOUT TOKIEDA,
ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT BEING WITH HIS FATHER
IS REALLY BEST FOR HIM...?
I AGREE.
ONLY THOSE WHO'VE HAD A HAPPY CHILDHOOD
CAN SAY THAT THEY ENJOY BEING WITH FAMILY.
THOSE WHO'VE LIVED IN A HAPPY HOME,
WITH A RESPECTABLE MOTHER AND FATHER WHO SHOWER THEIR CHILDREN WITH LOVE.
THAT'S WHY THEY'D EQUATE BEING AT HOME WITH HAPPINESS.
I GET THE FEELING THAT THE REASON THAT TOKIEDA-KUN WANTS TO BE WITH HIS FATHER IS
DIFFERENT FROM THAT.
MAYBE WE'VE BEEN OPERATING UNDER THE WRONG ASSUMPTION.
AFTER ALL, CAN HE REALLY BE HAPPY TO BE WITH THOSE KINDS OF PARENTS?
AT THE VERY LEAST, WE KNOW THAT HIS PARENTS AREN'T DECENT.
...I BELIEVE THAT HE IS CORRECT.
I KNOW THAT....
I'M NO SAINT.

AND INTRODUCE MY FIST TO THEIR FACES...!!
IF I COULD, I'D GRAB AHOLD OF HIS PARENTS...
NAGI...
WOULDN'T WANT THAT...
BUT...
ANGER LEVEL: MAX
FOR NOW AT LEAST, I'LL LOOK FOR HIS FATHER
THEN AGAIN, I SHOULDN'T BE SO CONCEITED.
AS TO THINK THAT I CAN HELP IN ANY WAY!
STILL... I CAN'T LET THINGS STAY LIKE THIS...
VERY WELL,
IF YOU CAN'T STAND TO SIT BY AND DO NOTHING
WHY DON'T YOU TRY YOUR HAND AT THE SPELL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SPIRITS?
YOU'RE VERY KIND.

.....
THE SPIRITS WILL GRANT A-N-Y W-I-S-H, AFTER ALL
THE POWER OF THE SPELL ISN'T LIMITED TO LOVE
I'LL DO IT.....!
IF YOU GIVE HIM THE PROTECTION CHARM...
EVEN BEFORE, THAT WAS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK. THE MERE THOUGHT OF CLEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
I SEE...
WE'RE MUCH...
BUT I DON'T THINK SOMETHING THAT DEPENDS ON COSMIC-INTERVENTION LIKE THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT...
!
THERE IS THAT WAY...
EEEEHH-HHH!?
You're kidding!

R-
RIGHT NOW!?
ARE YOU FREE RIGHT NOW?
WHAT'S WRONG?
SATSUKI-CHAN...?
EH? Y-YEAH
THEN...
JOIN ME FOR TEA...
TEA ?
WHAT'S THIS?
NO ONE ELSE CAME TODAY?
Council Room

HAVE A SEAT AND WAIT HERE
YEAH IT'S FINE
SA SATSUKI-CHAN
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD BE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE? EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NO WORK TO DO...?
EVERYONE ELSE DOES IT
YOU SHOULD COME HERE TOO, WHENEVER YOU'RE FREE
LIWAA —— THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL
TODAY I BROUGHT SOME JAPANESE SWEETS. THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT KINDS SO PICK ONE YOU LIKE
THIS IS CALLED A KUROMOJI?
RIGHT I MOISTENED IT WITH WATER.
BY DOING SO IT GIVES OFF A UNIQUE FRAGRANCE.
Um...
I LIKE THIS ONE IN THE SHAPE OF A CHERRY BLOSSOM
THEN USE THE KUROMOJI TO PICK IT UP
OH
IT'S DAMP...!?
Although, really, you're supposed to replace it after each candy.
WOW... THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME

Kaishimari
SATSUKI-CHAN, YOU CERTAINLY KNOW A LOT ABOUT TEAS AND SWEETS
HAVE YOU STUDIED THEM?
WELL... I'VE READ A LITTLE
NOTE: THE KOTO IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STRINGED INSTRUMENT
SO, WE'RE CALLED UPON EVERY NOW AND THEN TO PERFORM AT TEA CEREMONIES
MY FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN MASTER KOTO PLAYERS FOR GENERATIONS
Though I also do it as a hobby
EH...
AH, IS THAT TRUE?
AH!
SATSUKI-CHAN,
THIS IS DELICIOUS
.....
THAT'S GOOD. DRINK THE TEA, TOO.
K...KAY
AHHH, SO THAT'S WHY...
SATSUKI-CHAN IS IN THE KOTO CLUB.
It's like me.
I'm in love opposite hearted...
"KAISHI"... ON, YOU MEAN THIS WHITE PIECE OF PAPER
I'M SORRY I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROPER ETIQUETTE
PLACE IT ON THE KAISHI IN FRONT OF YOU AND THEN EAT IT.
YOU DON'T... NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE LET YOU USE A SMALL PLATE INSTEAD.
BUT OF COURSE I DIDN'T THINK TO BRING ONE
he smile...

THAT'S AMAZING, YOU HAVE SUCH TALENT.
SATSUKI-CHAN HAVE YOU PLAYED THE KOTO SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG?
THIS IS REALLY QUITE CALMING
YEAH.
I SEE ...YOU PLAY THE KOTO BEAUTIFULLY
I haven't heard it very often though.
Ah,
SATSUKI-CHAN AREN'T YOU GOING TO HAVE ANY?
No,
I CAN ALWAYS EAT IT ...
THOSE ARE FOR YOU
NOT LIKE ME. I'M NOT GOOD AT ANYTHING
...EH?...
UH...
SATSUKI-CHAN WERE YOU WORRIED ?
ABOUT ME... MAYBE?
ME...?
FOR...
DO YOU MEAN THAT...
YOU BROUGHT THESE JUST...

DO-
GOT IT?!
YE-YESSIR!
WHAT'S THIS
ARE OUR TWO LOVELY BLOSSOMS HAVING A TEA PARTY FOR TWO?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!! OF COURSE NOT!
WE HAD TOO MANY AT HOME! THAT'S ALL!!
I HOPE I CAN JOIN IN AS WELL.
HOW PLEASANT.
YUSA-SENPAI
UNLESS
AM I INTER-RUPTING?
NOT REALLY.
I HAVE TO BREW MORE TEA ANYWAY, SO I MIGHT AS WELL MAKE YOU SOME.
HOW KIND OF YOU
HE PUTS UP A GOOD FRONT,
BUT HE REALLY DOES WORRY ABOUT YOU, NAGI-CHAN.

BUT AT HIS CORE, HE REALLY IS VERY KIND
He has a sharp tongue after all
HE'S A BIT CLUMSY AT EXPRESSING HIS FEELINGS,
SO THERE ARE SOME WHO MISUNDERSTAND OR EVEN FEAR HIM.
YES
YES, I KNOW
SATSUKI-CHAN IS VERY KIND
I'VE NEVER BEEN AFRAID OF HIM
AAH, I SEE
THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT
I REALLY DO JUST CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE...
I KEEP TELLING MYSELF TO STOP BEING LIKE THIS AND TO SHAPE UP ALREADY... BUT...
EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, DON'T THEY?
IT NEVER SEEMS TO WORK
...BUT EVEN IF I TOLD HIM RIGHT NOW,
...I DON'T THINK HE'D HEAR ME
YOU KNOW
...THAT ISN'T HOW IT IS
I WONDER WHY I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS

THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO ACCEPT YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE
— YOUR HOUSE ISN'T THE WHOLE WORLD!
YOU MIGHT TRY PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS
MY SURROUNDINGS...
AHH THE STORAGE BOXES ARE ALL OUT OF ORDER —
Dead Serious
I WONDER WHAT THIS CLOTH IS
RUSTLE
PAY CLOSER ATTENTION
TO MY SURROUNDINGS —?
PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE
Oi, Where did everyone go?
— I THINK I'LL GO HELP SATSUKI

UM, WHAT...?
CHATTER
Can't be helped.
IT'S FOR YOU NAGI-CHAN
HE SAID WE SHOULD THROW A BIRTHDAY PARTY...
THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED
We made it lots of different things.
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT...
And where it's so easy to find...
OH, HE FOUND IT?
AAAAAHHH!!
TUG
TUG
HINAMATSURI PARTY
YUU-CHAN SAID...?
I-I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...
CLICK
YEAH, BECAUSE WE KEPT IT QUIET.
It was supposed to be a surprise...
PLEASE COME TO THE ART BUILDING IMMEDIATELY.
WHAT'S GOING ON, SEI?
EVERYONE'S HERE
OH, GOOD,

PRESIDENT KITOU IS...
CHALLENGING THE SPELL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SPIRITS
HE- HE SAID...
HE WANTS TO GIVE THE PROTECTION CHARM...
TO TOKIEDA-SENPAI
EH.....
END

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AKIRA!
IS YUUSHI SERIOUSLY TRYING TO DO IT!?
YES
IT'S BEEN NEARLY 10 MINUTES ALREADY
JINNO, NATSUME AND ICHINOSE ARE FOLLOWING HIM IN THE CAR.
I KNEW HE WAS GOING TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS SOONER OR
HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. DOES HE?
I'll take over
...WE'LL KNOW IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
HE WAS REALLY FIRED UP WHEN HE STARTED OUT, THOUGH.

TOKIEDA,
HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE PROTECTION CHARM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY
AND AS IT IS CUSTOMARY TO PRESENT THE CHARM BENEATH THIS CHERRY TREE,
HE ASKED THAT YOU WAIT FOR HIM HERE
YUU-CHAN...
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS FOR ME...

STOP FOLLOWING ME! ALL OF YOU!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
PRESIDENT, THERE ARE 22 MINUTES REMAINING
HAA
EXCELLENT!
KEEP UP THAT PACE!
HAA

YOU STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB!!!
DID YOU HAVE TO COME IN A ROLLS?!
EVEN SO,
WELL, IT'S ANNOYING!!
WE'RE HERE TO CHEER YOU ON, STUPID!
And you're annoying the entire neighborhood!!
GLEAM
It's fine. There aren't that many people passing by anyway
PLUS,
YOU NEED TO HAVE EYEWITNESSES!
GEH
LIKE HE SAID
THIS IS LIKE BEING IN A HUMILIATING PLAY
MY PRIVATE CAR JUST HAPPENS TO BE A ROLLS
I CAN'T HELP IT
1 THAT COMES WITH A CHAUFFEUR

YOU'LL NOT GONNA LAST THAT WAY!! OY!!
HE SPED UP!
AH!
CHERRY BLOSSOMS
THAT'S RIGHT
BACK THEN
THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PETALS WERE SCATTERING EVERYWHERE
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WILL BE GONE SOON
YEAH

WHEN I WAS A CHILD
WHO LENT ME STRENGTH,
WITH THAT OF MY YOUNG FRIEND...
EVEN THEIR IMAGES OVERLAP
YUU CHAN'S
I SPENT EVERY DAY CRYING IN THE PARK...
AFTER MOM LEFT US
AT THAT TIME,
DADDY ISN'T HOME AGAIN
touch
...HEY, YOU,
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU HURT SOME-WHERE?
NOBODY'S HOME I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK...
NOTHING EVER HAPPENS GOOD...
I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH IT ANY-MORE...
FROM THEN ON, THE TWO OF US WOULD MEET IN THE PARK OCCASIONALLY
THAT KID LISTENED TO MY STORY LIKE IT WAS THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD THAT MATTERED
THINKING ABOUT IT NOW,
THE WAY THAT HE WOULD LISTEN TO MY TROUBLES DROVE AWAY MOST OF MY SADNESS
HE STROKED MY HEAD
WITH HIS WARM HANDS AS HE SPOKE

I'M GETTING BETTER BECAUSE I STICK IT OUT AND I VISIT THE HOSPITAL REGULARLY...
BUT YOU KNOW,
I PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT MARATHON AT MY SCHOOL,
AND I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO MAKE IT INTO THE TOP TEN
I CAME HERE TODAY ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL
NAGI-CHAN, THIS BODY I WAS BORN INTO - IT'S WEAK
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO EXERCISE I'VE ONLY EVER BEEN ABLE TO SIT ON THE SIDELINES AND WATCH
I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS SAYING.
AT THAT TIME,
PANT
SO WILL YOU HANG IN THERE, TOO?
I'M GOING TO KEEP HANGING IN THERE,
WE WERE ONLY TOGETHER FOR THREE SHORT MONTHS
BUT,
AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY I WOULD RECALL THE TIME I SPENT WITH HIM AND THE WORDS HE SAID TO ME
DURING THAT TIME,
I CAN'T EVEN CALCULATE JUST HOW MUCH HE BOLSTERED MY HEART
AS HE PROMISED,
HE BROUGHT HIS 6TH PLACE CERTIFICATE.
AND THEN HE STOPPED SHOWING UP.
6th Prefectural Elementary School Competition 6th place
IT WASN'T UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER THAT, I REALIZED HE WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE ME.
I KNOW THAT GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN.
...HIS NAME...
WHAT WAS HIS NAME...?
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS FACE
NOW!

I DON'T SEE HIM COMING.
I- I KINDA FEEL MY HEART RACING.
I WONDER WHERE HE IS NOW
Why isn't anyone carrying their cell phone with them?
WE'VE PASSED THE 15-MINUTE MARK
WAIT... WASN'T IT-
Hanashiro Shrine

EVEN IF HE MAKES IT TO THIS POINT, WHAT ABOUT GETTING ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE IN THE TIME THAT'S LEFT? IT'S ALREADY...
BUT STILL,
HAS THE SHRINE OWNER BEEN CONTACTED YET?
YES TAKAMURA-SENPAI DID...
HE ASKED THEM TO HAVE THE PROTECTION CHARM READY
I HEARD THAT EVERYONE GIVES UP AFTER THESE STONE STEPS,
PROBABLY EVEN I WOULD HAVE TROUBLE WITH THEM
I IT'S ALREADY BEEN 15 MINUTES.
I DON'T SEE HIM EITHER...
YOU THINK HE'S GIVEN UP ALREADY?
THAT'S NO FUN
Is that your standard for everything?
IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF FUN OR NOT FUN!
HE -
HE CAME ...!!
HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE LEFT!?
President
!!

UH... 13 MINUTES 17 SECONDS.
THAT'S A CLIFF-...
GRAB!
...WHOA, HEY,
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?

AH....!?
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
PRESIDENT!
OI ...?!
GWIGH
GWIGH
GWIGH
IF I TAKE THE USUAL ROUTE,
I'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME.
LONG AGO THERE WAS ONE ROAD THAT LED NEARLY STRAIGHT TO THE MOUNTAIN.
OHHHH, I SEE
SEE, HE HASN'T GIVEN UP
LET'S TAKE THE CAR BACK AND WAIT FOR HIM THERE
HANG IN THERE YUUSHI

WHAT DO YOU SEE

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS WORLD?

WILL YOU LET ME SHOW YOU
THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU?
THIS RIVER
HAS TO HAVE A
SHALLOW END
SOMEWHERE
HAA
HAA
HAA
TRIP
THIS RACE MAY
BE NOTHING
MORE THAN A
WAY TO APPEASE
MYSELF
IT'LL BE
FASTER IF I
CUT
THROUGH
It's all or
nothing
SPLASH
SPLASH
IN THE
END,
WAA!
SPLASH!

NEVER FALLS...

ON YOU AGAIN

I HOPE THAT

THE COLD RAIN...

I-
CAN I GO CHECK ON HIS PROGRESS?
I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING?
2 MINUTES REMAINING
AH, NAGI-CHAN, YOU
YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE TO RECEIVE THE PROTECTION CHARM
HOW ABOUT IF SEI GOES TO TAKE A LOOK?
OKAY?
OKAY
RIGHT NOW,
HOWEVER FAR HE'S GOTTEN

IF HE'D GIVEN UP I GUESS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK A LONG TIME AGO
SO I GUESS HE'S STILL RUNNING RIGHT NOW
HE MUST BE HAVING SUCH A ROUGH TIME
WHY WOULD HE...
WHY GO SO FAR?
1 MINUTE LEFT
YEAH...
I THINK HE PROBABLY
SE- SENPAI,
HE'S COMING!!
AH... I SAW HIM...
ARE YOU SERIOUS ...!?
IT LOOKED LIKE NATSUME WAS LEADING HIM HERE
HE MET UP WITH HIM PART-WAY?!

OI, OI!
HE MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE IT...!
YUU CHAN
20 SECONDS REMAINING
PRESIDENT!!
JUST A LITTLE BIT FARTHER,
YUUSHI!!
WHY
GO SO FAR AS TO DO THIS FOR ME?
IT SEEMS...
SO GRUELING...
10 SECONDS REMAINING...!
YUUSHI!
HANG IN THERE!

5
6
7
8
9
LAST SPURT!

1
2
3
4

HAA
HAA
HAA
...HE...
HE DID IT
WAHOOOO!!
HAA
OKAY, THAT MIGHT HAVE.
WHA——T DO YOU MEAN BY A "LITTLE" DIFFICULT?
Stop trying to act cool.
YOU JUST BREEZED YOUR WAY THROUGH SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE COULD ACCOMPLISH.
Ohhhhh-yyyyyy
TCK
FINE!
MAYBE IT WAS ALL BECAUSE YOU WERE LEADING THE WAY.
OW
THWACK
AMAZING
HE REALLY DID IT!
BOUNCE LOUNGE
BEEN... A LITTLE DIFFICULT
TCH.
I didn't do a thing.

I've got a few scrapes here and there
AH, NAH
EH, HUH? Oi, you're right
AND YOUR CLOTHES ARE SOAKING WET... WHY...
YUU-CHAN... YOUR HAND... IS BLEEDING
NAGI, GUESS WHAT
YUU-CHAN
I was just running on a path, that wasn't really a path
IT'S NOT... IT'S NOTHING, REALLY
MORE IMPORTANTLY,
HERE
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT REALLY HARD, BUT...
GIVING YOU THIS WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK OF THAT WAS WITHIN MY POWER
BUT YOU KNOW,
IT'S SAID TO BE PRETTY USEFUL

I'M SURE ...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR FATHER
WHY DON'T YOU ...
MAKE A WISH?
WHY
!...

WHY, DID YOU DO ALL OF THIS FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME...?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
WHY?
NAGI
DOING THIS FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME-
I'M GOOD FOR NOTHING, I ONLY CAUSE TROUBLE FOR OTHERS
YOU WON'T FIND A SINGLE GOOD TRAIT IN ME
IS WORTHLESS
I DESPISE MYSELF
"DADDY"
YOU'LL NEVER BE LOVED LIKE THAT
BUT EVEN THAT'S FORBIDDEN ME

YOU HATE YOURSELF.
YET YOU STILL EXPECT OTHERS TO LOVE YOU!?
I'M SORRY.
IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE A FAILURE
THEN YOU'RE ALREADY A FAILURE
"WHY?"
"DADDY, DON'T GO."
"STAY AT HOME."
"IS IT BECAUSE I'M A FAILURE....?"
"SHADDUP."
I'M SORRY.
I'VE TOLD MYSELF THAT I HAVE TO CHANGE.
THAT I HAVE TO TRY WITH ALL MY MIGHT TO LIKE MYSELF.
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL EVER BE LOVED BY ANYONE.
THE WAY I AM NOW, I CAN NEVER BE LOVED BY ANYONE.
I CAN'T FIND ANY PART OF ME THAT I CAN GROW TO LIKE.
BUT I CAN'T...
I HATE MYSELF. I HATE THAT I'M LIKE THIS...!

BUT THAT'S FINE.
EVEN IF... YOU FEEL THAT WAY,
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOOD FOR NOTHING OR ANY OF THOSE OTHER THINGS YOU SAID
THAT'S OKAY
EVEN...
IF YOU HATE YOURSELF.
I LOVE YOU

I WANT TO BE LOVED EVEN WITH ALL MY FAULTS

IN MY CRIPPLED HEART

POWER

AND HOPE

I WANT TO FIND SOMEONE WHO IS WILLING TO LOVE ME.

OVERFLOWED

AND

I WANT TO FEEL LIKE I'M NOT ALL ALONE ANYMORE

I FINALLY REALIZED

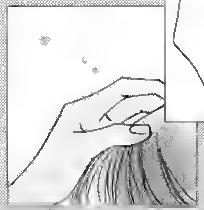
WHAT IT IS THAT I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU HATE YOURSELF.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PERFECT

I LOVE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.

EVERYONE HERE FEELS THE SAME.



I'VE NEVER FELT AS ASHAMED OF MYSELF AS I DO TODAY
!!!
I'D ALWAYS THINK, "I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM"
BUT, ONLY THINKING IT IS THE SAME AS DOING NOTHING
EVEN IF IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN A BIT OF RECKLESS-NESS
I MISSED SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WHERE I COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING LIKE HE DID
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND!!
I- I...
TOUCH
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BADMOUTH YOURSELF
THE FORMER PRESIDENT SAID HE CHOSE HIM FOR HIS PRETTY FACE, DIDN'T HE?
CLAMP
Mini Chapter
YOU MIGHT CALL IT HIS MAGNETIC PERSONALITY ...
I FEEL LIKE I COULD FOLLOW HIM FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!!
SPARKLE
ENRAPTURED
PRESIDENT KITOU WAS SELECTED TO BE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AS A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT..
PRECISELY BECAUSE HE WAS RECOGNIZED FOR THESE QUALITIES!

KYAAAA!
I REFUUUSE!
HEY NOW HEY NOW WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO YOUR SENPAI
IF I LISTEN DIRECTLY TO ANYTHING MY SENPAIS SAY,
THEN MY IMAGE OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL THAT I'VE ALWAYS IDOLIZED WILL BE SHATTERED TO PIECES.
Oh no, How impudent.
OI TAKE IT EASY ON HIM
AWWWW
BUT IT'S SO FUN TO MESS AROUND WITH TENBOU THAT I JUST
WELL,
SETTING ASIDE THE JOKES FOR A MOMENT,
About our Student Council, the truth is
I'M NOT TENTA,
BUT THE MOMENT WHEN YUUSHI REACHED THE GOAL,
I KIND OF GOT GOOSEBUMPS

TN: YUSA IS USING -BOU AS A SUFFIX, BECAUSE "BOU" IS THE KANJI FOR "BABY" SO HE'S SAYING "IT'S SO FUN TO MESS AROUND WITH (OUR LITTLE) BABY TENTA."

HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD?
PRESIDENT KITOU SUPPOSEDLY CLEARED THE SPELL OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM SPIRITS
APPARENTLY, SOME PEOPLE FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES DEPARTMENT SAW HIM DO IT
MAN, HE'S INCREDIBLE
WHO DO YOU THINK HE GAVE THE PROTECTION CHARM TO?
IF IT WERE FALSE HE'D SAY SO WOULDN'T HE?
SOME BOLD STUDENT WENT UP AND ASKED YUUSHI HIMSELF FOR VERIFICATION, BUT HE WOULD ONLY GIVE AN AMBIGUOUS ANSWER.
IT'S NOT JUST A RUMOR?

I WANNA KNOW
EH?
NO!
WHAT IS IT?
WE CAN'T GO WITH ALL GUYS!!
HM?
OH, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALL GOING TO DISNEY SEA DURING GOLDEN WEEK
HEY! TOKIEDA, WHY DON'T YOU COME, TOO?
We need someone pretty ♥
EH?
I CAN COME TOO?
LIWA——— SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
UH, Y-YEAH ...
THEN, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!
...WH- WHEN DID TOKIEDA START SMILING LIKE THAT...?
Not that he wasn't already cute to begin with.
N- NO KIDDING....

AFTER THAT DAY,
IT WAS LIKE SOMETHING CHANGED INSIDE OF ME.
I GUESS...
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS HAVE ALL SCATTERED
BUT,
I NEVER NOTICED HOW THE PEOPLE AROUND ME
AS DOES THE SKY
THE LANDSCAPE ALWAYS LOOKS SO BEAUTIFUL
AS DO THE TREES
RUSTLE
OFFERED THEIR KINDNESS, THEIR SINCERITY
THE BIRDS TAKE FLIGHT
THESE THINGS MAY SEEM SO OBVIOUS, BUT...
HOW OFTEN DID I TRAMPLE ON IT?
BEFORE NOW, I NEVER SAW ANY OF IT
I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING
I WAS PROBABLY
SO ABSORBED IN MYSELF THAT...

Put up the decorations during lunch time.
Uwaaaa! The decorations look amazing!
Ah, you came.
Click
Excuse me.
The others aren't here yet.
The president, Natsume and Saiga went out to buy some food
I believe they shall return shortly
.....
U-um,
Takamura-senpai.
I'm...
I'm very sorry about last time.
Last time?
The time when I went off with those students from another school.
I..
I said that I would have been content with anyone, as long as they stayed with me...

I- I TOLD HIM I APOLOGIZED.
HAVE YOU TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT?
...HE LAUGHED AND SAID NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT...
BUT THAT ISN'T THE CASE...
I HAD NO IDEA AT THE TIME,
THAT IT'S MEANINGLESS IF I'M NOT WITH THE PEOPLE I WANT TO BE WITH...

ARE UNMISTAKABLY THE TIMES.
YUUSHI HAD...
NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT CHALLENGING THAT SEEMINGLY FOOLHARDY SPELL
SMILE
THOSE TIMES...
WHEN A PERSON ACTS WITHOUT ANY INHIBITIONS...
WHEN THEY HAVE FOUND SOMETHING IRREPLACEABLE TO THEM

YES
IS THIS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER?
BARUMP
BARUMP
O-
ONII-SAN
?
YOU KNO——W
LATELY,
NAGI AND I KEEP MEETING EACH OTHER'S GAZE
DON'T SMIRK ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
AND WHY THE HELL ARE YOU SO GIDDY, ANYWAY!
EH——— YOU DON'T GET IT?

Delusion Theater
Woof you come play with me?
Ouf dem.
Pant Pant
IF YOUR EYES HAPPEN TO MEET...
WHEN YOU PASS EACH OTHER,
PRETEND THAT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET, YOU SEE A PUPPY WHO'S BEING TAKEN ON A WALK AND IT'S COMING YOUR WAY
FOR EXAMPLE,
?!
THE HAPPINESS STAYS WITH YOU FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
AFTER THAT,
MEL_ _TS
Jump into my arms...
LIKE THAT.
THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!
Tch!
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO YOU.
IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU ALREADY—
IT'D BE SO EASY TO MISTAKE YOU FOR JUST ANOTHER CREEPY GUY.
I KIND OF—
understand a little
OOOOH!
The desire to watch out for him
—THE REALITY IS THAT,
FUNDAMENTALLY, NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED REGARDING NAGI'S LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
BUT, AT LEAST
HE'S FINALLY SHOWING US HIS REAL SMILE...
AN ENTIRE CAKE
THAT...
KEEPS ME PLENTY HAPPY
THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME
AND MY NAME IS ON IT! WOW! WOW!!
Happy Birthday Yuki-s
UWAAA. IT'S A CAKE!
WE ASKED THEM TO WRITE IT ON WHEN WE ORDERED IT
Put the candles on it.
Hurry up and bring out the food, too.

WHEN I THINK THAT I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE WILLING TO BE WITH ME,
AND PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO UNDERSTAND ME
I WONDER WHAT THIS WARM FEELING BRIMMING INSIDE OF MY CHEST IS.
EVEN THOUGH...
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT WITH WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS
MY SELF-HATRED AND MY FAMILY MATTERS
WILL ALWAYS EVEN NOW
SIT IN A CORNER OF MY HEART BUT
I HAVE THE COURAGE
NOT TO BE MEEK TO WORK HARD AND LIVE ON
JUST FROM KNOWING THAT I'M NOT ALL ALONE
-CHAN
NAGI-CHAN, WHATCHA DOING? WANNA PLAY TOGETHER?
UMMM
-KUN ARE YOU GOING HOME ALREADY?
COME AGAIN, OKAY? LET'S PLAY AGAIN, OKAY?

YUU-CHAN
DIDN'T YOU MENTION ONCE THAT YOU USED TO LIVE ABROAD?
BEFORE THAT DID YOU ...!
YUU-KUN
HEY, YUU-CHAN
HM?
AH—UM, ACTUALLY, NEVER MIND
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WHAT IS IT?
—?
I SEE. YOU'LL BE GOING WITH FRIENDS.
YOU MUST BE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
SOME PEOPLE FROM MY CLASS INVITED ME TO GO WITH THEM.
NAG!
EH?
DISNEY SE...?
Doo
OOM

I'M-I'M GOING, TOO!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET NAGI GO ALONE!!
Eh,?
Just to an amusement park?
YOU FANCY YOURSELF TO BE HIS PROTECTORS?
YAY YAY
Unusually lively
FROM THAT DAY ON,
NAGI
STOPPED ASKING, "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

ACT.3 END

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ACT.4
迷える仔羊たち

BUSTLE
BUSTLE
THE DAY IS SUNDAY. A DAY OF REST FOR ALL OF SOCIETY.
left building
A fair distance apart
right building
To pursue memories for the student council office
THE OUKA STUDENT COUNCIL, TOO, HEADS OUT TO THE CITY...
O—Y
OUJI-SAMA...
thu
mp
HEY...
I've been meaning to ask...
WHY DO YOU HAVE YOUR CAP PULLED DOWN SO LOW?
UH...
I DON'T, NOT REALLY-

YUUSHI IS NOT PARTICULARLY ACCOMPLISHED IN DEALING WITH GIRLS
AH, I SEE HOW IT IS.
DING
IF YOU BLEND INTO THE CROWD
Oh!Oh
THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE STRIFE OF ANYONE TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.
...THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS.
OUR PRINCE IS FINALLY GRACING US WITH HIS PRESENCE. IT WOULD BE SUCH A WASTE IF YOU TRIED TO BLEND IN
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BEAUTY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "TAKE ADVANTAGE"!
Were you traumatized by a woman when you were younger, Yuu?
HE SEEMS TO BE STANDING OUT PLENTY...
HAVING FUN?
YE...H!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GOING OUT AS PART OF SUCH A BIG CROWD.
I WISH KYOU-CHAN AND THE OTHERS COULD HAVE COME TOO.

Student Council President is barred from joining any clubs
AS A MUSIC MAJOR, SEI'S LESSONS TAKE PRIORITY
Sei Katakata 1st year
Primary instrument: violin
TENTA IS ON AN OUTING WITH THE ASTRONOMY CLUB
HE'S USUALLY THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER TO COME IN THESE SITUATIONS
OH YEAH WHAT HAPPENED TO KYOU-SUKE?
HE'S ON A CLUB FIELD TRIP FOR KENDO
Bugme stupid! I wanna go too!
But I can't!
Kyousuke Natsume 2nd year Kouryu Studies in Physical Education Nottingshed Sports club member
YOU MEAN HE WASN'T GOING FOR STAR-GAZING?
UFO! UFO!
I wonder if I'll get a picture!!
Tenta Ichinose 1st year
TEN-CHAN WAS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT LOOKING FOR UFOS
Not in any clubs
Koto Club is on break
UNSCRUPULOUS. INDISCRIMINATE.
"KING OF THE NIGHT" COMES TO MIND— DON'T YOU AGREE?
WHAT KIND—?
I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED YOU TO BE UNOCCUPIED ON A HOLIDAY
O_I
Isn't that a bit blunt?
Rejecting none who come Pursuing none who leave
EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF IMAGE DO YOU HAVE OF ME ANYWAY?
Takamura isn't in any clubs either

I'll have you know I never let strangers into my house.
Ahaha
YOU MUST BE GLAD
THAT WE ASKED HIM ALONG
SEEING HIM LAUGHING LIKE THAT,
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT BE HAPPY TOO
EVER SINCE THEN
NAGI HAS LAUGHED
AND LAUGHED OFTEN
...YES

BUT...

HIS FATHER STILL HASN'T COME HOME

ALTHOUGH WE BOTH "LIVE ALONE,"

YUSA-SAN... PLEASE WE DON'T NEED A SCANDAL...
Exercise some moderation in your urges...
SORRY, SORRY
I WAS DETAINED
I'M HURT—
AND HERE I AM POLITELY DECLINING FOR ALL OF YOU AS WELL

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN LIVING ON ONE'S OWN BY CHOICE LIKE ME...

AND BEING FORCED TO LIVE ALL ALONE...

Not to mention
THE ONE WHO CALIGHT THE EYES OF THOSE WOMEN JUST NOW WAS YOU, AKIRA!
TURNING DOWN A WOMAN WITHOUT HURTING HER...
REQUIRES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TECHNIQUE.
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF.
Not at all true.
WHY ARE WE SPENDING OUR DAY OFF BUYING SUPPLIES FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL ANYWAY?!
NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF SENSUALITY!
YEAH, YEAH
Um...
SENPAI WHY DON'T I CARRY SOMETHING TOO?
Ah
IT'S FINE IT'S FINE ♥
THIS IS WHAT I'M HERE FOR
A gentleman...
BUT
LET HIM CARRY IT, TOKIEDA
HE CAME ALONG WITHOUT BEING ASKED.
not carrying anything
Ah
AGAIN—
with the harsh words
not carrying anything
— IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED YOU TO
Don't touch me!
Oh? In a bit of a mood?
THINKING THAT WE'D BE ABLE TO SPEND EVEN JUST A LITTLE MORE TIME TOGETHER
I'D BE WHEN I HEARD THAT SUG WOULD BE GOING TOO. ♥

WE DO NOT!!
YOU TWO GET ALONG SO WELL!
AND YOU'RE BLUSHING TOGETHER?
SHALL WE GO GET SOME-THING TO EAT?
WE'RE PRETTY MUCH FINISHED WITH THE SHOPPING
tiptoe tiptoe
SWEAT
Oh
NOT A BAD IDEA
... BUT BEFORE THAT...
YES, I AGREE
IT SEEMS THAT
WE HAVE A GUEST
EH?
TIPTOE
占い

TOO SUSPICIOUS!
WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED FOR SURE...
He's so conspicuous
MUST BE ONE OF YOURS, TAKAYA...
IF IT'S A GUY, HE MUST BE AFTER YUUSHI!
WHA-
WHY'S THAT!?
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOOKS, SAIGA WOULD BE THE MOST WELL-RECEIVED!
And he's in a higher grade.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
NO MINE ARE ALL GIRLS.
Judging from the figure that's a guy.
ANYWAY, LET'S TRY TO CATCH HIM
Wait!
ON MY MARK, RUN TO THE NEXT CORNER.
Got it?
READY-GO!
BATA
BATA
BATA
BATA

YO
!!
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT FROM US?
AH...
H-...
H-...
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS FOLLOWING YOU...!?
I EVEN DISGUISED MYSELF SO I WOULD BLEND IN...
YOU STOOD OUT THE MOST...!!
I'M ABSOLUTELY NOT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON!
emPhatic
THAT'S NOT CONVINCING AT ALL!
AH.
SO HE IS ONE OF YOURS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S REALLY YOU, SHII-CHAN~
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
WHO IS HE?
SEIJI!?
AH... UH
COUSIN!?
PARDON ME. THIS IS... MY COUSIN.
I WAS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DUE TO WORK... AND I THOUGHT I MIGHT RUN INTO SHII-CHAN SO I KEPT LOOKING AROUND...
THAT'S WHEN I SAW A FIGURE THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU...
AND SO...
SO YOU COVERED YOUR HEAD WITH THAT AND FOLLOWED US!?
WELL, YEAH...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN EMBARASSING IF I'D GOTTEN THE WRONG PERSON...
NO, THAT DISGUISE WAS...!!
FAR MORE!!

FWIP
THEN, AT THE NEW YEAR'S GATHERING, YOU DISAPPEARED ALL OF A SUDDEN
No, that was...
YOU NEVER WRITE, YOU NEVER CALL...
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT...
Hey now...
UMM...
DID I NOT MENTION IT?
EH?
SHII-CHAN, YOU'RE SO MEAN
YOU'VE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT COMING BACK TO JAPAN...
OR ABOUT ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL HERE...
I DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT UNTIL JUST RECENTLY...
THAT MUST MEAN THAT YOU HATE ME...
YEAH, THAT'S IT
WAAAHHHHH!!
THAT MUST BE IT...!!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
I'M TELLING YOU, I DON'T HATE YOU!!
Wow...
HE'S REALLY PESSIMISTIC...
SHII-CHAN'S ALWAYS WITH PEOPLE LIKE HIM.
Huh?
AND LIKE HIM...
PASSING TIME...
PERFECTLY HAPPILY.

PFTT
CONSIDERING THAT THEY'RE COUSINS,
T- TOO FUNNY...
He's right on target
I KNOW EXACTLY THE TYPES THAT SHII-CHAN LIKES...
BUT I KNOW...
Instinctive and Jealous
THAT'S SEIJI!! IMPO-LITE!!
pointing your finger at others!
Perfectly?
Happily?
D- Don't!
YOU'VE GOT A POINT...
FOR A RELATIVE OF YUUSHI'S, HE'S NOT VERY SUNNY... YOU MIGHT EVEN CALL HIM BLEAK...
Shii-chan's so having so much fun with those people that he forgot all about me...
Umm...
THEY LOOK NOTHING ALIKE
HM?
Not the glass-...
. AH-
HUH?
GAH!
LI
FT
AREN'T THESE GLASSES JUST GETTING IN THE WAY?

PRINCE...
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
WHOA...
BI-
SHOUNEN...
!!

Straighten
I KNEW THAT THIS...!!
HEH HEH HEH
YES YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I KNEW IT...
BEAUTIFUL...?
Uh, that's not
SMACK
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD BE A LINE OF INCREDIBLE BEAUTIES!
NEXT TIME, INTRODUCE ME TO THE LADIES!
WOW!
HE REALLY IS GOOD-LOOKING! HE'S SO BEAUTIFUL!
SHI
GORGEOUS! AND MOREOVER DANGEROUS! AND PERFECT! BEAUTY OF MINE....
...WAS NEITHER MEANT TO BE HIDDEN NOR KEPT A SECRET... YES. IT MUST BE SAID!!
ANNE
sparkle
sparkle
sparkle
IS SUCH A CRIME...
AHH...
SOMETIMES BEAUTY...

GWAH...!
MY BELOVED...!!
SHII-CHAN!
AAAHH!
SEIJI...
CERTAINLY, AFTER HAVING THE EXQUISITE PLEASURE OF BEING ABLE TO MEET ONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS MYSELF...!!
I'M SURE THAT THE MORNING FINDS YOU WELL! ☆
YA-HO! ☆
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN? I'VE MISSED YOU, BABY...
HAHA WE SAW EACH OTHER DURING NEW YEAR'S...
YOU LOOK EVEN MORE PRINCELY NOW THAT YOU'VE GROWN OUT YOUR LUSTROUS HAIR A BIT...
NOT EVEN DIAMONDS CAN COMPARE TO YOUR BEAUTY! IT'S ONE OF GOD'S MIRACLES...!!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE...?
OY OY
PLEASE NO MORE
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH THAT IT HURTS...!!
KISS

Don't mind me!!
Uh...!
stiffen
GLEAM
GRAB
Y-Y-Y-YOUR NAME!? IF POSSIBLE, LET'S EXCHANGE ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS AND E-MAILS. RIGHT THIS MOMENT...!!
WE HAVE MET TODAY BECAUSE WE WERE MEANT TO...
B-B-B-BEAUTIFUL...!
THESE DELICATE LIPS OF EXQUISITE SHAPE! THESE HALCYON EYES! THIS HAIR OF SPUN SILK! YOU ARE THE APOTHEOSIS OF BEAUTY.
!!!
SA-
-TSUKI ...?
WHAT'S WRONG?
UM... COULD YOU MAYBE...?
PULL BACK
UH—?
STARE
slide

HE'S BACK TO NORMAL?
He...
-I...
DID I DO IT AGAIN...?
DIZZY
Reverts back when he has his glasses on
...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TAKAMURA-SAN, NICE!
TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT,
SEIJI IS USUALLY VERY QUIET BUT...
WHEN HE REMOVES HIS GLASSES IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE SOME KIND OF SWITCH TAKES PLACE AND HE BECOMES A VERY ANIMATED CHARACTER.
AND FOR SOME REASON HE SEEMS TO HAVE AN EXTREME REACTION TO "BEAUTIFUL THINGS"...
IT'S A BIT OF A STRANGE HABIT, I GUESS
A BIT STRANGE ...?
HE HAS A SET STANDARD OF "BEAUTY"
AND WHENEVER HE ENCOUNTERS A FACE THAT HE'S ATTRACTED TO, HE TENDS TO REACT STRONGLY
Plus his own face is one of the kinds that he likes so he ends up loving himself
IN OTHER WORDS,
THEY REALLY
causing such a commotion
I deeply regret
Loves cute things
Loves beautiful things
ARE WHAT YOU'D CALL "FAMILY."

SENPAI
IT MUST BE INTERESTING BEING PART OF THEIR FAMILY
Yuushi's not bad though
IT WAS MY PLEASURE
Mired in the pits of self-castigation
I MERELY MET HIS STANDARDS, I SUPPOSE?
I CAN TELL
I'M SORRY THAT SEIJI HAS CAUSED YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE
YOU HAVE A VERY ENTER-TAINING YOUNGER COUSIN
SENPAI
BUT
HE'S REALLY NOT A BAD PERSON
YES ♡?
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD PERSON-
TAKAYA
YOUR BEAUTY ISN'T ONLY SKIN DEEP ♡
Oh, Right
Oh, yeah, and try not to call me "senpai" when we're not in school

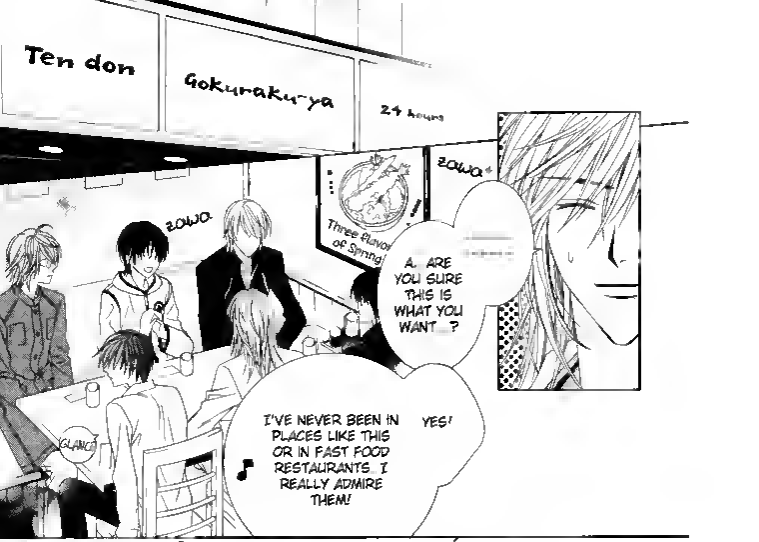
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT...
OH YEAH THAT'S RIGHT
-WHICH REMINDS ME, WEREN'T WE ABOUT TO GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT?

HOW ABOUT YOU, TOKIEDA?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
MY TREAT ♡
UM...
BROWL

WELL, NAGI-CHAN? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
PASTA? CHINESE?
ANYTHING YOU WANT ♥
AH...
UM... UM...
ACTUALLY, THERE'S THIS STORE THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY...
OH YEAH? WHERE? ♥
I don't really see you as the yakiniku loving type
*BBQ of a sort

Isn't that Ayase?

Perpetrator
HUH!?
CAN I REALLY?!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?


Ten don
Gokuraku-ya
24 hours
zowa
zowa
Three flavor of Spring!
A. ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT ?
YES!
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN PLACES LIKE THIS OR IN FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS I REALLY ADMIRE THEM!
GLANCE

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE HAPPY
INDEED
I THINK IT'S CUTE
They're very artless
WHAT ROCK HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING UNDER
The three of you
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ESCORT A LADY THIS WAY
Three Flavor's of Spring Bowl
S-SAME HERE
I NEVER HAD THE COURAGE TO ENTER BY MYSELF
Shall we try a gyuudon store next?
Yeah, yeah!
I'd love to visit a tsuyuiaku once..
THIS IS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AS WELL I'M RATHER FASCI-NATED

SEIJI-KUN, CAN I ASSUME YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL?
BY THE WAY
Some of shrimp are my size
What a bunch of dudes...
Y- YES, I'M IN MY SECOND YEAR...
NO NO
I'VE GOT IT! IT'S BEST TO GO WITH YASAITENDON HERE.
"I've got it~"
SURE, LET'S ORDER.
JOUTENDON
I'M GOING WITH KAKIAGEDON ♪
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON YOUR ORDER?
He's really taking this seriously
UMMM
I WANT TO EAT THE SHRIMP BUT THE LOTUS ROOT LOOKS GOOD TOO...

OH YEAH?
ONLY AKIRA AND I ARE 3RD YEARS
I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED BEFORE THAT YOU CAME HERE DUE TO WORK...
AH YES...
WAS TODAY A CONGREGATION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL...?
I guess you could say that
O-OH...
IS THAT SO?
AND WE'RE ALL MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL LED BY YUUSHI.

IT DOESN'T FIT SOMEONE LIKE ME AT ALL BUT...
E——H?
HE'S A MODEL
As if the camera could ever capture the full extent of my beauty
Please don't ever try to take a picture from any angle
NO, YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY...
IT'S THE PERFECT JOB?
H- He'll be fine.
You didn't run out on the job did you?
EH?
HERE HAVE A SHRIMP
THANK YOU FOR WAITING
ITADAKI-MASU!
WOW~ IT LOOKS DELICIOUS
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TRYING IT!

"EATING TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE"

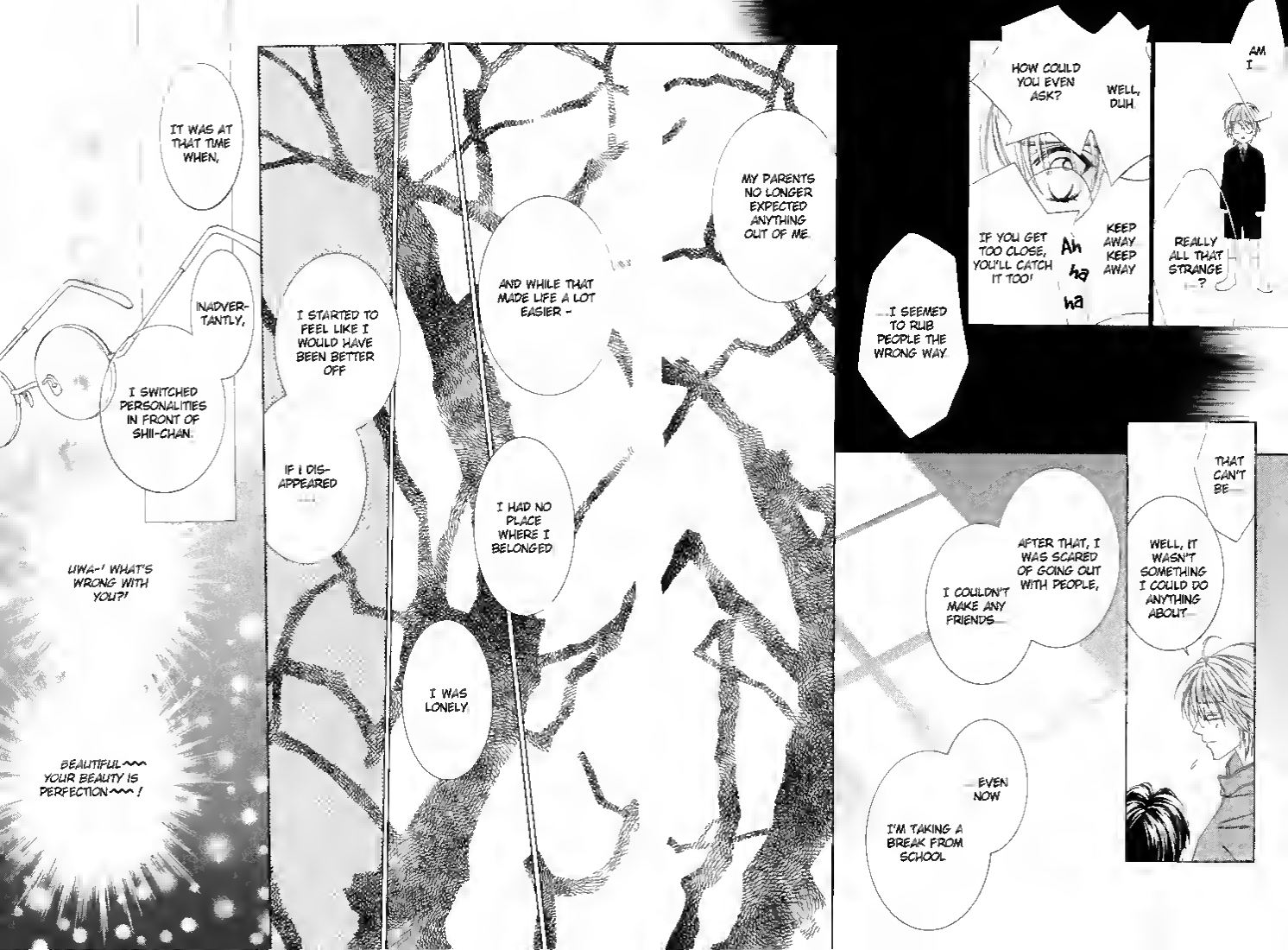
click
IS SOMETHING WRONG, SEIJI?
IT'S NOTHING
BATHROOM
EXCUSE ME
I NEED TO GO, TOO
scrape
HUH?
You too Nagi-chan?
WHAT... WHAT'S THE MATTER?
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
NAGI-KUN

SO IS EVERYONE IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL
SO ARE YOU, NAGI-KUN.
YOU ALL SEEM LIKE WONDERFUL PEOPLE...
SHII-CHAN IS KIND, ISN'T HE?
YEAH
HE'S VERY KIND.
NO
I JUST
JUST MY OWN SENTI-MENTA-LITY...
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A LOT OF FUN
WATCHING YOU GUYS JUST NOW, I KIND OF STARTED FEELING A BIT JEALOUS...
I THOUGHT IT MUST BE NICE
TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND SHII-CHAN'S HIGH SCHOOL TOO.
OH!...
BUT
I DON'T HAVE THE BRAINS TO GET INTO A SCHOOL LIKE OUKA HIGH
Nor do I have any special talents

I'M THE SCREW-UP IN OUR FAMILY SO...
SEIJI!
YOU'LL NEVER BEAT YUUSHI LIKE THAT!
YOU CALL YOUR SELF A MEMBER OF THE KITOU FAMILY?!
I GUESS IT'D BE OKAY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT, NAGI-KUN...
THE KITOU FAMILY IS QUITE WELL-KNOWN.
SO IN ORDER TO KEEP FROM TARNISHING THE NAME, MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ALL STRIVE FOR PERFECTION
WE MUST SET OUR STANDARDS ABOVE AND BEYOND
AND BE RESPECTED BY OTHERS
EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICISM ARE A GIVEN.
SHII-CHAN IS AMAZING.
HE ACCOMPLISHED THE IDEAL...
SINCE HE'S FROM THE HEAD HOUSE I THINK HE'S UNDER EVEN GREATER PRESSURE.
BUT HE WASN'T EVEN FAZED BY THAT KIND OF STRAIN.
EVEN IN SCHOOL HE'S A REMARKABLY HARD WORKER RIGHT...?
YEAH...

I HAVEN'T REALLY SEEN HIM AT IT BEFORE...
IT'S TRUE THAT HE CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING BUT...
UM...
I SEE...
IF YOU ASKED TAKAMURA-SENPAI, I THINK HE'D KNOW BETTER.
EVEN AS A CHILD SHII-CHAN WAS A NATURAL-BORN GENIUS, BUT
I THINK THAT HE REALLY PUSHED HIMSELF, EVEN IF NO ONE SAW
THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE AS SKILLFUL AS YUUSHI IS WITHOUT SOME EFFORT.
"YOU DON'T NEED TO BE PERFECT."
THAT'S WHAT HE TOLD ME
BUT EVEN SO,
EVERYONE EXPECTED PERFECTION FROM HIM...?
BACK THEN
...BUT
I DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN, BUT
BE EXTREMELY DRAINING
D-DO THAT MUST

I WASN'T ABLE TO BE LIKE SHII-CHAN.
I TRIED AND I TRIED BUT
EVERYONE HAS DIFFERENT LIMITS TO THEIR POTENTIAL, YOU KNOW...?
I WAS LIKE A CUP ALREADY FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH WATER
BUT PEOPLE DEMANDED "MORE, MORE" AND TRIED TO FORCE MORE IN-
AND AT SOME POINT, THE CUP SHATTERED
WHEN THAT HAPPENED,
THE "ALTERNATE PERSONALITY" THAT YOU WITNESSED EARLIER APPEARED.
THEY TOLD ME THAT STRESS WAS THE CAUSE FOR IT.
I DROVE MYSELF
TO THE WALL
WHEN NAGI-KUN AND EVERYONE CONTINUED TO TALK TO ME NORMALLY AFTER SEEING THAT,
I WAS THRILLED
I THOUGHT, "HOW VERY LIKE FRIENDS OF SHII-CHAN"
ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE KEPT THEIR DISTANCE
CREE—PY
DOES HE HAVE A DOUBLE-PERSONALITY?
GROSS...
GEEZ, WHAT A FREAK.
GAH! WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?!


IT WAS AT THAT TIME WHEN,
INADVERTANTLY,
I SWITCHED PERSONALITIES IN FRONT OF SHII-CHAN.
UWA-! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?!
BEAUTIFUL~~~ YOUR BEAUTY IS PERFECTION~~~!
I STARTED TO FEEL LIKE I WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF
IF I DIS-APPEARED
I WAS LONELY
AND WHILE THAT MADE LIFE A LOT EASIER -
I HAD NO PLACE WHERE I BELONGED
MY PARENTS NO LONGER EXPECTED ANYTHING OUT OF ME.
I SEEMED TO RUB PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY.
HOW COULD YOU EVEN ASK?
WELL, DUH.
IF YOU GET TOO CLOSE, YOU'LL CATCH IT TOO!
Ah ha ha
KEEP AWAY KEEP AWAY
AM I
REALLY ALL THAT STRANGE -?
I COULDN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS
AFTER THAT, I WAS SCARED OF GOING OUT WITH PEOPLE,
EVEN NOW
I'M TAKING A BREAK FROM SCHOOL
THAT CAN'T BE
WELL, IT WASN'T SOMETHING I COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT

slide on
WHA-
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW EXPLAIN
I'M- I'M SO SORRY
THE TRUTH IS, I
I wonder if I did anything...
I
I GUESS... I REALLY AM WEIRD?
I SEE
YEAH.
YOU'RE WEIRD.
SHOCK
...YOU'RE WEIRD, BUT
THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU "YOU," RIGHT?

PAT
- HE DIDN'T DENY IT
HE DIDN'T REJECT ME
THAT'S COOL
AND IT'S INTERES-TING.
— THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE YUUSHI-KUN
YOU
YOU THINK SO, TOO!?
I'D NEVER MET SHII-CHAN FACE TO FACE BEFORE THEN,
BUT I'D ADMIRED HIM FOR AGES.
I WAS ALWAYS BEING COMPARED TO HIM —
I'D NEVER TALKED TO HIM BEFORE EITHER.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, ANYWAY.
BUT FOR SOME REASON I NEVER THOUGHT OF HIM AS A RIVAL

HE WAS THE PERFECT COUSIN THAT ALL THE ADULTS TALKED ABOUT...
I WOULD WATCH HIM FROM A DISTANCE AND ADMIRE THAT BEAUTIFUL BEING MORE AND MORE
I WANT TO BE LIKE THAT
TO BE A STRONG,
BEAUTIFUL PERSON LIKE THAT
AND WHEN WE FINALLY TALKED,
HE WAS REALLY KIND RIGHT?
THERE WAS NO WAY I COULDN'T LIKE HIM, YOU KNOW...!?
WHEN-EVER I'M WITH SHII-CHAN, I'M AT PEACE...
I REALLY LIKE HIM...
THE WARMTH OF A PERSON'S HAND. A PERSON'S WORDS.
HE TAUGHT THAT TO ME.
AH
S-SORRY. I'VE BEEN DOING ALL THE TALKING...
DON'T APOLO-GIZE.

TODAY WAS
ANOTHER HAPPY DAY
I UNDERSTAND EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL
"IT'S A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE THAT COMES"
"FROM EATING TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE"
ARE LIKE A BEAUTIFUL MELODY
YUU-CHAN'S VOICE
AND HIS WORDS
"HAVE MY SHRIMP."
THAT RESONATES
COMFORTINGLY IN MY EARS,
I'LL NEVER FORGET
THIS EMOTION
AND FILLS MY HEART WITH A SENSE OF CALM

FOR SHOWING ME

Anyhow
WERE YOU AND NAGI DISCUSSING?
WHAT KIND OF THINGS
IT WAS NOTHING.
I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THE MEAL
BOW
BOW
Such proper manners
極
GOKU
AHHH
WE'VE BECOME GOOD FRIENDS
YUP! ♪
LOTS OF THINGS RIGHT, NAGI?
THERE YOU ARE!!
SEIJI,
WHAT ARE YOU DO-...
SEIJI-KUN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE OF ALL PLACES!
SA... SAEKI-SAN!

IT CAN'T BE
IS IT REALLY YOU, YUUSHI-KUN?!
SEIJI! SO YOU DID SKIP OUT FROM WORK...
I'M SORR-...!
GEEZ, YOUR BREAK WAS OVER AGES AGO!
IT'S TIME TO GET BACK!!
HELLO IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU
MY SENPAI AND MY CLASSMATES FROM SCHOOL...
OH, UH, THESE ARE
My——♥
My——♥
YOU'RE ALWAYS MORE THAN WELCOME AT OUR AGENCY!!
WHAT ABOUT IT? WANT TO BE A MODEL NOW?
LONG TIME NO SEE—! YOU'RE AS GORGEOUS AS ALWAYS ♡
SQUEEZ
...I APPRE-CIATE THE OFFER BUT...
PHOO HARD TO GET, AS ALWAYS
I'VE HEARD RUMOURS THAT THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR OUGAKU INCLUDED AN INVESTIGATION OF YOUR PHOTO-GRAPHS.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS TRUE! ♡
There isn't one !!
FROM HANDSOME YOUNG MEN TO CUTE YOUNG BOYS
WHAT A LOVELY SELECTION!
...OH, WHO'S THIS?

IT'S A KIND OFFER BUT...
RIGHT?
HIDE
SCHOOL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT US FROM TAKING UP ANY PART-TIME WORK.
YES
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU ♡
I'M SEIJI'S MANAGER.
IF ONLY WE COULD SCOUT OUGAKU STUDENTS, WE'D SURELY BE ABLE TO PUT OUT A NEW PRODUCTION OR TWO ～～
EHH?! REALLY?
HOW DISAPPOINTING!
High tension
HOW ABOUT IT? ANY INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF MODELING?
NO THANK YOU WE'RE NOT...
AH!
WILL YOU AT LEAST TAKE A BUSINESS CARD?
If you ever change your mind please give me a call ♥flutter
AH!
OH NO!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE IDLING ABOUT!
SEIJI! TIME FOR WORK!!
YES MA'AM
OY... IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...
FAREWELL, YUUSHI PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW...
SO?

SEE YOU LATER, SEIJI-KUN.
IF YOU'D LIKE, NEXT TIME COME VISIT US AT OUR SCHOOL
Yeah, yeah, we'll introduce you to the other members.
OH YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU.
SHII-CHAN, ITO-KUN'S MAD THAT YOU HAVEN'T CALLED.
SERIOUSLY ?
GEH
Crap—
THAT'S RIGHT I FORGOT...
THAT'S UNUSUAL
BUT I UNDERSTAND
SENPAI-TACHI AND SATSUKI-CHAN ARE REALLY GREAT PEOPLE TOO
I KNOW THEY'LL BE YOUR FRIENDS AS WELL.
YES!
CERTAINLY ...!

THAT'S NOT
HOW I AM THOUGH
NOT AT ALL
YUP! AND THEN
HE SAID HE WANTED TO BECOME STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL, JUST LIKE YUU-CHAN.
SEIJI SAID THAT?
SKEPHER?
Even if his personality changes it's not harming anyone
I THINK HE HAD IT PRETTY TOUGH AS A KID, BUT
HIS PARENTS SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN USED TO IT BY NOW
YEAH
BUT
HE'S DOING WELL JUST AS HE IS
HE'S DOING WELL AT WORK, AND HE'S EVEN BUILDING UP A FAN BASE
I'VE NEVER HEARD
SO IT'S NOT LIKE HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE AROUND HIM
YUU-CHAN COMPLAIN
I SEE
PLUS, HIS POSITIVE PERSONALITY IS A WAY FOR HIM TO RELEASE STRESS
INSTEAD OF KEEPING EVERYTHING BOTTLED UP, HE CAN SAY MOST OF THE THINGS HE WANTS TO SAY
WHAT ABOUT YOU, YUU-CHAN...?

TAKAMURA-SAN AND
YUSA-SAN AND
SAIGA AND EVERYONE
I UNDERSTAND
SHII-CHAN,
NAGI AND...
SHE'S ALWAYS SUPPORTING THE POSITIVE SEIJI, SAYING HE'S "GOT CHARACTER"! SAEKI-SAN, TOO
Loving oneself is critical for any model!
AHAHA!! You've got great character there!
BRING IT ON!!
AS YOU GROW UP AND THE WORLD OPENS UP BEFORE YOU, YOU'LL ENCOUNTER PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTANDS YOU FOR YOU.
AFTER ALL, HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE A FRIEND LIKE YOU, NAGI
Eh?
YOU-
YOU MEAN ME?!
Really?
OF COURSE
Hehe...

WHAT DO I DO?
THIS PLACE THAT YOU'VE FOUND IS SO COMFORTABLE
COULD IT BE THAT,
EVEN BEYOND MY OWN EXPECTATIONS,
I ...
THAT YOU CAN EVEN FORGET TO PHONE ITO-KUN
IS SOME-THING WRONG?

HE'S MY YOUNGER BROTHER. HIS FULL NAME IS REITO THOUGH
Youn ger bro ther?
OH YEAH, DIDN'T SEIJI-KUN MENTION SOMEONE JUST NOW?
WHO'S "ITO-KUN"?
NO, NOTHING
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
It is dan-gerous to make him angry
IS IT BAD IF YOU DON'T CALL?
IT'S NOT SO MUCH "BAD" AS
SO HE'S A BIT SPOILED
HE'S BEEN INDULGED FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE
IS IT ANOTHER HEAD-ACHE?
YOU AREN'T FEELING WELL, RIGHT?
YOUR CONDI-TION
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY SEEM PRETTY PAIN-FUL AT TIMES
YOU'RE PRONE TO GETTING HEADACHES AREN'T YOU?
HOW DID YOU ?
I'LL WALK YOU HOME

NO WAY WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
GEH
DIDN'T YOU CANCEL YOUR PLANS WITH US BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DO!
WHO ARE THEY?
AH
ISN'T THAT YUSA-KUN!?
WHY DOES HE ALWAYS
THAT'S SOME-THING
THAT EVEN MY PARENTS DON'T KNOW
SHOULDN'T WE BE THE ONES WHO DESERVE THE EXCUSES?!
HEY~~
This is what you had to do?
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG
College girls...?
THOSE GIRLS AREN'T REALLY
SENPAI .....
DESPI-CABLE.
YOU'RE
ISN'T THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE OUGAKU STUDENT COUNCIL?!
KYAA♡ KYAA♡
He's so cool!♥
I KNOW THAT PERSON!
Kyaa
Ah I knew he'd say that

WHIRR WHIRR
Sorry sort...
Where?
CLI
Bike rack
One way
CK
WHY DON'T YOU COME HANG OUT WITH LIS ♡
UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, THEY'RE ALL WONDERFUL!
WO-W
Let's go
Let's go
Whoa
HOLD ON A SE-
MEANWHILE AT SHINOBU-SAMA'S
Playing Old Maid
SO BORED
I WISH I COULD HAVE GONE SHOPPING WITH EVERY-ONE ELSE
But they said I couldn't go
Let's all go together
DENIED!!!

ACT.4 END

†BACK PAGE

▶こんにちは、小田切ほたるという者です。
わけあってオリジナルの漫画を描くコトを休んでいましたのですが、この度めでたく復活☆
お手に取って下さったアナタ様、有難うございます//
休んでいた間は、イラストとか原作つき漫画（コレすごくやりたかった/）などをやらせて頂いてたのですが、全部が全部ものスゴク勉強になりまして、この経験を活かし、これから描いてゆけたら、なんて、思っておりマス。

▶「透明少年」の登場人物は、描きながらつかんでゆく人物ばかりのようで、描き初めはヒジョーに不安だらけだったのですが、今では各人のバックグラウンドもおおむねつかめてきたカンジで（でもおおむね―）。これから一人一人にスポットライトがあたったり、新キャラが出てきたり、と盛りだくさんの予定デス☆
なので、これにこりずに、描きも休んで下さい（笑）。
（得士が何で王様へ来たかも、おいおい判るハズ・）
Chara本誌の連載をのぞいて下さっても～♪
（↑偶月刊でお求めやすいのデスよ）

▶というものの、ヘタったり部方に慣れたりの多い小田切。そんな時大変励みになるのが、読者様からのお手紙です。今回は皆様を込めてのプレゼント企画をひらめきました。興味のある方は左の応募方法を休んで下さいね。いつも有難うございマス♥
そしていつも支えて下さる、担当様、スタッフ、お友達に心から感謝です。特に担当山田さんは私の直接的被害をこうむる方――盛りにしてマス//（ダメダメ―）

▶それでは良しければ2巻でお会いしたいです。

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See You Again . . .

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という方は。

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葉右下隅にある応募券

以上❶❷を封筒の上、名前・住所を明記してキャラ編集部までお送り下さい。
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あとがき／描き下ろし

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SATORU KANNAGI & HOTARU ODAGIRI PRESENTS

学園スイート♥スキャンダル

その指だけが知っている」

左手のくすり指は、売約済み♥

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お気に入りの指輪がなんと男とお揃いだった!? 高校生の渉は、指輪の取り違えをキッカケに学園イチの優等生と急接近。みんなは羨ましがるけれど、渉は会うたびイジワルされて!?

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小田切ほたるのCharaコミックス
[タイムラグ]
（原作／ことうしのぶ）
学園トライアングル♥ラブ

原作本も大人気!
[その指だけが知っている]
[左手は彼の夢をみる]
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A request of the Student Council
THE QUESTION
"I AM IN THE MIDST OF TAKING EXAMINATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT WAS EVERYONE'S MOTIVE FOR CHOOSING OUKA GAKKAN?"
Tenta Ichinose
Sei Kakukata
THIS IS THE CORNER WHERE THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL ANSWER EVERYONE'S "REQUESTS"
THIS TIME ROUND, WE'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE "QUERIES" WE'VE RECEIVED
Me? I've always admired this school~ After all it's so cool~
I've long admired this school as well. One of my favorite violinists studied music at this school
WHY DID I TEST IN?
Kyousuke Natsume
Nagi Takidaira
Satsuki Saiga
EH?
Shinobu Jinno
SAME WITH ME.
BECAUSE MY FAMILY DECIDED IT FOR ME.
YOUR FAMILY DECIDED...?
Memo
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD ON YOU...
Being required to attend such a difficult school

AS FOR ME, MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS RAN A DOJO
EVERY SINGLE DAY I'D HAVE TO TRAIN SO
UNTIL ONE DAY, MY GRANDPA SAID...
WHEN I WAS A KID, I DIDN'T HAVE EVEN A SPECK OF TIME FOR STUDYING
TH-... THAT'S YOUR REASON...?!
This is a difficult school
ME? THIS WAS THE CLOSEST SCHOOL TO OUR HOUSE
LISTEN CLOSELY
Young Kyousuke
KYOU-SUKE
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MASTER BOTH
NO IT'S NOT!!
THE SCHO-LARED WAR-RIOR
A TRUE WARRIOR IS ONE WHO EXCELS IN BOTH MARTIAL ARTS AND LITERARY ARTS
YOU SEEM TO THINK THAT YOU'LL BE FINE EVEN IF YOU AVOID YOUR STUDIES
JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE TRAINED IN MARTIAL ARTS A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN MOST,
BUT YOU'RE GROSSLY MISTAKEN
!!

Ohhh!!
YOU THINK SO, EH? ARE YOU CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO GET INTO JAPAN'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL, OUKA GAKKAN?
I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE ANY OTHER SCHOOL
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO GET IN RIGHT!? I'LL SHOW YOU!!
ONE DAY, I'LL MAKE THAT OLD FOGEY ACKNOWLEDGE ME!!!
HE'S BEEN HAD....
HIS GRANDPA GOT HIM GOOD...
FLARE
AH, I SEE
I SUPPOSE THE MAIN REASON WAS BECAUSE
"IT PROVIDES THE MOST ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM"
Akira Takamura
Takaya Yusa
YOU KNOW, I THINK YUSA-SENPAI'S REASON HAS TO BE THE MOST MYSTERIOUS
FOR SOMEONE WHO LIKES WOMEN AS MUCH AS HIM, WHY WOULD HE CHOOSE AN ALL BOYS SCHOOL ?
SPEAKING UNINHIBITEDLY
AH YOU'VE GOT A POINT.
Come on, hurry up, and see here
BUT ONE THING CAN'T BE ARGUED SENPAI-GATA ARE AMAZING
SOME-HOW...
THEY'RE ALL PECULIAR MOTIVES...

IS THAT SO. I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, TAKAMURA-SENPAI...!
Ha.....
Finally a straight reason...
fufu
THE TRUTH IS— I HAVE A GAKURAN FETISH. ♡
ME?
WELL.....
THEN, HOW ABOUT YUSA-SENPAI?
AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, THERE ARE PLENTY OF BISHOUNEN AROUND ♡
AND THIS SCHOOL'S UNIFORM DESIGN IS EXCELLENT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY
WILL YOU LET ME TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU NEXT TIME?
YOU LOOK PRETTY APPEALING IN YOUR GAKURAN TOO~
KYAAAAHHH...
Ku...
THAT PERSON'S ALWAYS...
I'LL NEVER FIGURE OUT HOW SERIOUS TO TAKE HIM...

*Gakuran is a common Japanese uniform for boys. See what Tenta and Sai are wearing.

End of Volume Omake Manga / End